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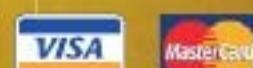
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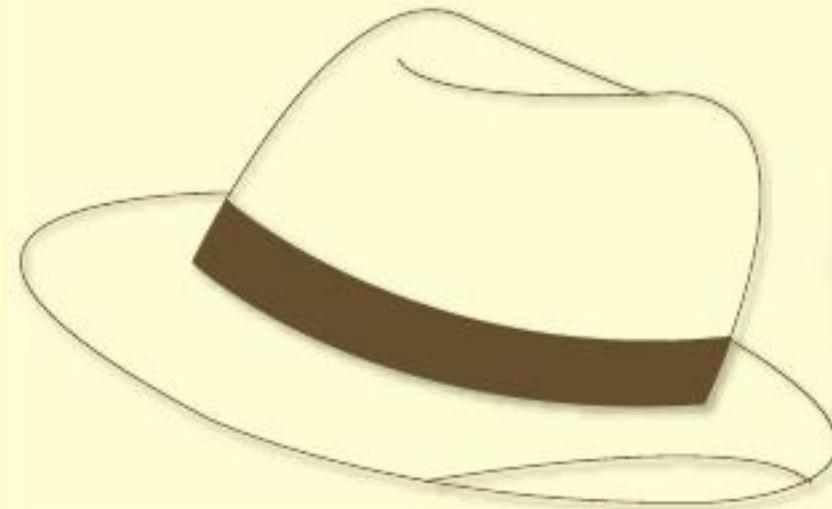
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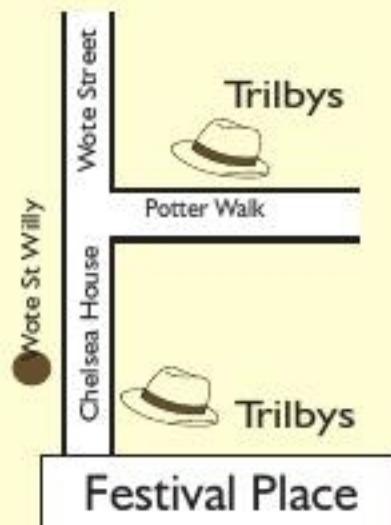


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Carolling for Christmas in Top of Town



IT was no silent night as schoolchildren sang out for Christmas celebrations in Top of Town.

Families came face to face with real reindeer and St Nick himself.

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We Three Kings
(1) We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we travel afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder Star.
Glory O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.
(2) Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.
(3) Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense comes a duty high:
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship You, God on high.
(4) Myrrh I bear, As bitter perfume,
Friends a life of gathering gloom,
Sorrows, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sunk in the stone-cold tomb.
(5) Shepherds now behold them & arise.

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Only pub in Popley may close after police call for review **VIOLENT ATTACKS COULD SHUT PUB**

POPLEY'S last pub could be shut down for good on Monday after a string of fights and attacks.

The Popinjay in Abbey Road closed temporarily on October 24, but a licence review will rule if it can ever be reopened.

Police were called to the problem pub 16 times in the six months before

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the landlady left and the pub shut its doors.

Officers were attacked three times, a landlady was attacked, and six assaults

were recorded among the incidents.

Hampshire Constabulary licensing officer Claire Wanless wrote in a report for the meeting: "It is not acceptable that the staff persists on allowing customers to become this intoxicated and then dial 999 expecting police to deal with those responsible, and then refuse to make a complaint to the police of

what has gone on.

"The community clearly are not happy with the way the premises is being run."

While some residents have met the news it could close with relief, others have urged for a turnaround under new management.

Mum-of-two, Hannah Law, 24, said:

"You hear horrible people saying nasty things - it would be nice if they could turn it into something else."

"Popley is a nice place to live but I don't like the pub."

Elias Hope, 27, of Abbey Road, said: "I heard too many bad things about it so never went inside."

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Devdutt Vyas, 47, Owner of Premier off-licence, opposite the Popinjay: "It would be sad to see it go. It adds to the community spirit. It helps people get together locally. Businesses are struggling and anti-social behaviour is something that could be controlled. Good management is what is needed."



Durga Guruhug, 42, Abbey Road: "I have used the pub to watch football. Sometimes this is not a good area, there are lots of teenagers causing trouble. I don't think there is good behaviour in the pub. It can be noisy."



Nayna Vyas, 48: "You need something for the community and you need to be able to have a drink and walk home in Popley. There is nothing wrong with the pub but you need support running the pub. The community seem lost without the pub, having it open gives people a chance to know their neighbours."

Future of problem pub to be decided

From front page

Popley councillor Jane Frankum said: "People don't want to go near the pub with children."

But added: "I don't want it to be closed, I want it to be returned to a family, community pub - like it used to be when they had family activities in there."

"It is the last pub in Popley."

Christine Hursey, 45, of Abbey Road, who has used the pub for 23 years, said: "It would be a shame if they got rid of it."

"It would be nice to get rid of the trouble - I'm sure different management would attract different people. Good people."

Hampshire Constabulary called for a review of the licence - to be decided by councillors, licensing officers and officials from Hampshire Constabulary on Basing-

stoke and Deane Borough Council's licensing sub-committee.

They could decide to revoke its licence, or put conditions on it to restrict the hours alcohol can be served.

Pub company Enterprise Inns PLC holds the licence.

A spokesperson said: "Following a complaint received from the local licensing team regarding our venue the Popinjay we chose to close the premises until the licencing review meeting with the borough council next week."

"We will make a decision on how to move forward with the pub based on the outcome."



• The Popinjay in Abbey Road, Popley

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Police records:

JUNE: Man punches landlady, assaults customers and threatens to burn pub down.

Police drug swabs find high levels of cocaine on surfaces.

Resident complains about noise and swearing.

JULY: Residents complain about noise and children kicking football at cars.

SEPTEMBER: Man seen offering cigarettes to schoolchildren outside pub.

Man is arrested for being drunk and disorderly.

Police receive reports a customer was strangling a man.

Police assaulted by topless man after 999 call to pub.

He assaults four, tries to serve himself drinks, punches landlady, throws glasses and chairs.

Police called when two men banned for cocaine use try and get in pub.

OCTOBER: Landlady leaves and pub closes temporarily.

Police call for review.

News Bites

Pub safe burgled

SHERBORNE ST JOHN: A safe was pulled through a pub wall and stolen in Sherborne St John yesterday morning.

Between 2.40am and 2.55am burglars forced their way into The Swan in Kiln Road.

A safe with money inside was pulled out by a vehicle through the wall of the pub.

Sergeant Trevor Taylor said: "I am appealing to anyone with any information about this incident to come forward and speak to us."

"Did you see anyone acting suspiciously in the area during the early hours of this morning? I would urge anyone with information to get in touch."

Anyone with any information is asked to call Basingstoke Police Station on 101.

Mayor's quiz

BASINGSTOKE: The Mayor of Basingstoke is hosting a charity quiz at Basingstoke College of Technology on January 30.

Kevin Ashman from the BBC show Eggheads will star as the quizmaster.

Tickets are £10 per person and can be bought in advance by emailing mayor@basingstoke.gov.uk.

Ticket price includes a meal.

Teams of four to six will be accepted at the quiz, which is due to start at 6.45pm at the Worting Road college.

Dementia advice

BASINGSTOKE: An event to inform businesses in the town how to be more dementia friendly will take place tomorrow.

Alzheimer's Society and Eli Lilly and Company are running the Making Basingstoke Dementia Friendly event.

It will inform organisations about dementia and what they can do to let their business cater to those with dementia.

The event is free to attend and will take place at the Hampshire Court Hotel in Centre Drive in Chineham from 9am to 1pm.

Post office robbery update

POLICE have released CCTV images of a man they want to speak to in connection to an attempted robbery at a Tadley post office last month.

On November 26, just after 1.30pm, a man entered Tadley Post Office in Mulfruds Hill and demanded money.

Witnesses said the man threatened staff.

He left empty handed and no one was hurt.

Police were unable to trace the suspect after the incident.

The incident followed another attempted robbery on the post office on October 31 when a man wearing a balaclava and dark clothing entered the shop and threatened a female employee.

The woman was not hurt and again nothing was taken.

Anyone with any information about the man in the picture should call 101 and quote 44140424063.

Police wish to speak to this man in connection with an attempted robbery in Tadley



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£10m to ease two traffic pinch points

NEARLY £10million has been pledged to improve two crucial entry points into Basingstoke.

The A340 and A33 will be revamped after the board of enterprise partnership Enterprise M3, approved funding at a meeting on November 27.

Enterprise M3 is a partnership between businesses, public and non-for-profit sectors to create framework and infrastructure so businesses can grow in the area.

Geoff French, chairman of

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Enterprise M3, said: "Basingstoke has been identified in our strategic economic plan as a growth town, one of the drivers of economic growth in our area.

"Economic prosperity in our area is not possible without an effective and reliable transport network.

"That is why we have placed

transport, the need for significant improvements to it, at the heart of our economic strategy for the area."

A total of £6.56million will be used to improve the A33 on the north eastern corridor which links Basingstoke to the M4 and Reading.

The project aims to attract businesses to move there as a result of good road links.

Improvements to five junctions along the A33 and the A339 Ringway Roundabout, Popley Way, Crockford Lane 'red man'

Roundabout, Binfields Roundabout and Taylors Farm Roundabout will go ahead as part of that investment.

It is hoped the work will reduce peak hour delays along the A33.

Enterprise M3 hopes it will encourage new businesses to start up.

The green-light was also given for £3.4m of improvements for the northern corridor to Basingstoke, by revamping two junctions on the A340.

Borough council leader Clive

Sanders said: "We are always looking for opportunities to attract funding to improve the infrastructure in our borough to attract businesses to bring more jobs here and improve the lives of our residents."

"So far we have been successful to the tune of £23million in gaining government funding for major road improvements thanks to Enterprise M3.

"This is recognition that we are seen by the regional enterprise partnership as one of its key economic centres."



Santas on the run in Odiham



Santas spotted running through Odiham

FLASHES of red and white were spotted in Odiham on Saturday as 20 Santa Claus' battled bad weather to dash through the town for a charity fundraiser.

The Santa Run in the memory of former barmaid at Odiham and Greywell Cricket Club, Donna Munt, raised £200.

Friend of ten years, Phil Thomas, 27, organised the event with his wife Kirsty.

He said: "It was a great run with a

really relaxed atmosphere.

"It was a bit of a shame that it was so cold and wet – there were a few aching bones this morning but I think everyone is happy they got involved."

Organisers were hoping to recruit about 100 Santas to run the circuit to Greywell and back, but wet weather put people off.

The 5k started at the cricket club in Odiham's King Street and raised cash for the club and the British

Heart Foundation.

Donna died in July from a heart condition aged 51 and was well-known for her cheerful good humour.

The club is also raising money to install a memorial garden for Donna.

Club members are also planning another charity run next summer.

Mr Thomas, of Brighton Hill, started at the club aged seven and grew up playing with her son.

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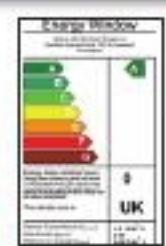
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Santa tour

BASINGSTOKE: Santa in his sleigh started a tour of Basingstoke on Monday.

He is aiming to visit as many of the town's streets as possible with festive friends this month collecting for charities - on a tour organised by Basingstoke Round Table.

He will be around Hatch Warren today and Kempshott tomorrow and Friday.

On Monday, December 15, he is heading around Hatch Warren again, and on to Chineham on December 16.

On December 17 he will tour the Clark Estate, before going back to Kempshott again December 18.

On Friday, December 19, he will finish in Old Basing.

Flu jab offer

BASINGSTOKE: Until March 31, 2015, pregnant women attending antenatal appointments at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital will be offered a flu vaccination.

Midwives are trained to be vaccinators.

It is recommended that women get flu vaccinations at any stage during pregnancy as they are in danger of complications if they get the flu when they are pregnant and it could even lead to a premature birth.

Tadley council

TADLEY: The next Tadley Town Council meeting will take place on Monday, December 15.

The finance and general purposes committee is meeting at the council's offices in Franklin Avenue from 7.30pm.

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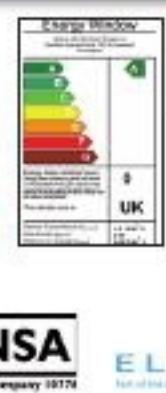
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Christmas came early

A FESTIVE treat came to Basingstoke on Friday when real reindeer and Saint Nick hit the Top of Town to kick-start the Christmas season.

An evening of family-friendly fun, choir recitals and late night Christmas shopping took over the heart of the town, inspiring

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a sense of Christmas calm.

Winkleberry resident Beth Still, 35, said: "I'm so happy to see the town come together like this."

"This is as festive as it gets."

Mayor of Basingstoke Roger Gardiner opened the night with a speech before children from Basingstoke's Junior Choir and Four Lanes Community Junior School Choir sang a selection of Christmas carols.

The schoolchildren ended the performance with a bi-lingual version of 'Silent Night' – singing in both English and German to commemorate the First World War Christmas truce in the trenches.

"It is really quite a good night," said 35-year-old Quan Jin, of South Ham who went along with wife, Yingnan Jin, and four-year-old daughter Elizabeth.

"My daughter is singing in the junior choir

and she has made new friends which is so nice," he added.

Children had the chance to meet Father Christmas in an eco-grotto in Church Street.

While in Market Place, real reindeer delighted children in the town.

More musical performances from the Lynden School of Dance, Basingstoke Rock Choir and The Salvation Army brass band kept the energy of the town alive as the evening went on and shops stayed open for later than usual so people could grab Christmas gifts.

The event was part of the borough council's town centre programme – an effort to improve the Top of Town as a shopping and leisure destination.

Councillor Terri Reid, leading the town centre programme, said: "It was a wonderful and incredibly festive evening.

"It was particularly touching and moving to have the local children's choirs there.

"This is part of our efforts to reanimate the Top of Town, to bring more families there and have more events.

"It was good to have businesses contribute too.

"We want to continue to build on events like this and encourage people to keep coming to the Top of Town."

Vox Box



Georgina Leonard, 11, Hatch Warren: "It is a cheerful night and it is making us feel Christmassy."



Amelie Leonard, six, from Hatch Warren: "It is really good, and it is fun for children."



Dawn Valler, 44, from Chineham: "I think it is beautiful. It is really festive and touching to see the children sing."

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Meeting with government inspector to discuss local plan 'faults'

A MEETING to discuss the "serious concerns" raised by a government planning inspector about the council's local plan is due to go ahead tomorrow.

Previously the Observer reported the Secretary of State appointed inspector, Mike Fox, called for a special meeting with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council about problems with the local plan - which earmarks where thousands of homes will be built in the borough over the next 15 years.

It was submitted to central government for approval at the beginning of October, however Mr Fox wrote he had "serious concerns" with it.

He said he believed the council's housing target of 11,220 homes was too low.

His letter to the council on October 21, added: "the Inspector is seriously concerned that the Local Plan may not provide a sufficiently robust platform for providing new homes in Basingstoke and Deane."

If the council cannot justify where their housing target - of building 11,220 homes until 2029 - came from, Mr Fox may rule the council has to set aside more land to build more houses.

The meeting is public and due to start at 10am in committee room 1 in the council's offices in London Road.

X Factor boost for Hampshire hospice

By **Mathew Di Salvo**

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PROFITS from the X Factor winner's single will partly go to a children and young peoples' hospice near Basingstoke, Simon Cowell has announced.

Naomi House and Jacksplace hospice in Sutton Scotney will get some of the proceeds from the track, on sale from December 14 when the X Factor winner is chosen.

The funding boost comes amid a major £4million revamp to the children's hospice.

All profits from the CD sale and downloads will go to Together for Short Lives children's charity, and because Naomi House and Jacksplace are partnered with the charity, they will be given pat of the money.

Head of fundraising at Naomi House and Jacksplace, Paul Morgan, said: "I'm thrilled the children, young people and families in our care stand to benefit from the sale of this year's X Factor single.

"Not only will the money raised provide a valuable boost to our fundraising efforts at this important time of year, but the exposure this partnership will generate can only help raise



• (Left to right) X Factor judges Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Mel B and Louis Walsh

awareness of the crucial work undertaken by children's hospices across the country."

The charity was chosen by X Factor judge Simon Cowell, who is also the boss of Syco record label, which the winner will be

signed to.

He said: "I have worked with this charity for many years and I'm delighted that the X Factor winner's single sales will help families who are going through

unthinkably difficult times.

"Together for Short Lives is such an inspiring and important charity which supports children all over the country. The money we hope to raise will really make a difference."

Naomi House and Jacksplace provide respite, emergency and end of life care to life-limited children in the south of England - including many families in Basingstoke.

Building work to refurbish the site started in July and is set to finish in April 2015.

A bridge will link Naomi House and Jacksplace, its sister hospice and the two sites will share a new hydrotherapy pool.

On December 5, appeal patron Alastair Stewart OBE and Naomi Cornelius-Reid - who the hospice is named after - placed a ceremonial tile on the hospice extension's new roof.

News Bites

New cycle racks

BASINGSTOKE: Up to 20 new bike stands will be installed in Basingstoke's town centre from December 15.

The cycle parking spaces will be installed at the entrance of Jacobs Yard, at Castons Yard behind McDonalds, at the bottom of Church Street and Cross Street, in Church Square at the back of Marks and Spencer, on Church Street close to footbridge over Churchill Way, at the back of Goldings at the Civic Offices and at Basing View by the shops, among other places.

They are part of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's town centre programme.

Collabro on TV

ALTON: An Alton boy's musical talents were aired to millions on Monday night in the Royal Variety Performance.

Michael Auger, 24, sang Say Something by Christina Aguilera and A Great Big World as part of five-strong Britain's Got Talent-winning operatic band Collabro on the ITV show from 7.30pm.

The show was filmed last month in front of an audience including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and a line up alongside Ed Sheeran, Ellie Goulding, Demi Lovato and One Direction.

The band, who won the eighth series of Britain's Got Talent this year, also released a Christmas edition of their debut album on Monday.

The new version of 'Stars' features covers of Falling Slowly, from musical Once, Say Something by Christina Aguilera and A Great Big World, and festive classics.

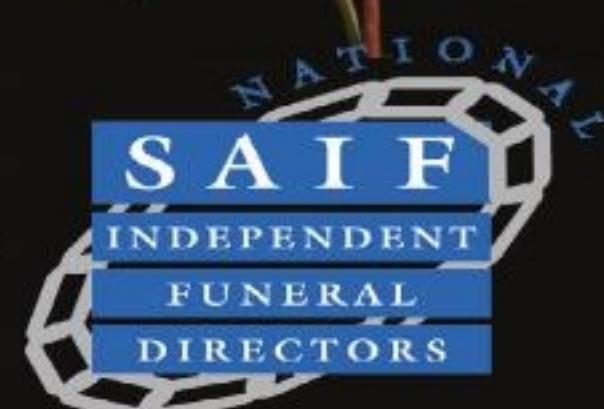
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News Bites**Police tasers**

HAMPSHIRE: Hampshire Constabulary is training more of their frontline police officers to use a taser.

A total of 60 extra officers will be trained to use the weapon, used to electrocute potentially dangerous people or those who are fleeing the police.

Currently over 300 officers have training to carry tasers in the county.

The cost of the training will be close to £20,000 and should be completed by the end of 2015.

Alton meeting

ALTON: The next Alton Town Council meeting will take place today.

The planning and transportation committee will meet to discuss issues in the town at 7pm in Market Square.

New mayor vote

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The new Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane is to be chosen tomorrow.

They would take over the role from current Mayor of Basingstoke Roger Gardiner on May 14.

The next mayor is due to be confirmed after a vote at a full council meeting of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council tomorrow, December 11, at their offices in London Road from 6.30pm.

Deputy mayor, Councillor Anne Court, of Kempshott, is likely to be voted in.

Councillor Jane Frankum, of Popley, has put her name forward to take the position of the new deputy mayor next year from May.

£2m pledged for flood defences

By **Mathew Di Salvo**

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MORE than £2million has been allocated for Buckskin to help stop flooding, the government revealed last Wednesday.

The announcement came the day after residents questioned why Buckskin had been left out of a series of flood funds unveiled by Prime Minister David Cameron on Tuesday.

However Basingstoke MP Maria Miller confirmed on Wednesday Basingstoke is due to get £2m of the £2.3billion George Osborne earmarked in the government's Autumn Statement.

About 40 families are yet to move back to Buckskin after flooding hit the area for six weeks in February and March.

But before the money is used – earmarked for 2018 – feasibility work needs to be done to find out what options could actually protect Buckskin from flooding.

Any decision needs to then be approved by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Hampshire's county councillor for Basingstoke, Stephen Reid, who is chairman of a flood steering group for the town, said: "I was delighted when I heard the news because I had heard



• Councillor Stephen Reid and MP Maria Miller in Buckskin during this year's floods

rumours that Buckskin was not going to get funding.

"I am really pleased that the government has recognised the need to help Buckskin residents."

"We have to now look carefully at what options we have, now we are dealing with millions of pounds, which is brilliant."

However, Buckskin flood victim and the chairman of the newly-launched Buckskin Flood Action Group, Cathie Wyatt, said: "I did think it was good that we would get some protection but I'm not sure it will be enough to help install a main drainage system –

which is what Buckskin needs.

"The money is better than nothing but it is not enough in the grand scheme of things."

"We are only in 2014 and the priority is using it in Buckskin as soon as possible. Chances are if we were to have the same weather, it would be too late."

She added: "Everybody is still anxious. People are still going out at three o'clock in the morning to check the drains if it has been raining. We need that money now, not in 2018."

Ms Wyatt's home in Bodmin Close was flooded with three inches of water throughout the

six-week flooding.

More than 80 homes were flooded when an underground watercourse rose.

MP Maria Miller said: "It is good news that this £2million funding has been allocated to help mitigate flooding in Buckskin in the future."

"The difficulty is in finding solution to the groundwater problem."

"I will continue to press the government for this money to be made available as soon as possible, and for any other help that can be given to address the problem in Buckskin."

Tax dodgers could face jail sentence

A TOTAL of 25 people have been called to court for not paying council tax in Basingstoke over the last eight months, figures have shown.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council statistics published last week also show five committal cases went to Basingstoke Magistrates Court on November 20 covering £31,700 of unpaid council tax.

Two men received suspended sentences on the condition that they pay monthly installments.

Arrest warrants were issued to three people who did not attend court.

The council also announced a crackdown on council tax avoidance.

Cabinet member for property, finance and commissioning, John Izett, said: "Taking court action is a last resort in seeking to deal with people who persistently don't pay their council tax but benefit from the services we provide."

"This tough stance is about ensuring fairness for residents who do diligently pay their council tax every year as well recouping money to help fund council services for all residents."

"As always, we remain willing to offer advice to those who are struggling to pay for genuine reasons."

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News Bites**M3 night closure**

HAMPSHIRE: Due to road surface repair, the M3 Junction 9 to 8 from Winchester to Basingstoke will be closed overnight until Sunday, 14 December.

Work started on the north-bound carriageway on Monday, closing it between the hours of 10pm and 6am.

A diversion is in place via the A34 and A303.

In it to win it?

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from December 5.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 84791 of Brighton Hill, while ticket 33378 of Tadley claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 35099, and Baughurst ticket 28735 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to tickets 00306, 02738, 05360, 14508, 18155, 19400, 26735, 29688, 39676, 43080, 48828, 57460, 62798, 68618, 73217 and 79961.

Carol service

BASINGSTOKE: The Mayor of Basingstoke is hosting a carol service on Saturday at St Michael's Church in Church Square from 7pm.

Reverend Karen Wellman will lead the service and the Bishop of Basingstoke, the Right Reverend David Williams, will perform the blessing. Maria Miller MP will also give a reading.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer with donations going to charity.

Controversial projects set to be reconsidered

DECISIONS about changing the way Basingstoke Live is run and securing £450,000 for a new footbridge at Bramley Station are to be re-debated at a council meeting tonight.

Town leaders on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet will rethink the two issues during a cabinet meeting at the council's London Road office from 6.30pm.

At a full council meeting on November 26, a decision to private Basingstoke's council-run free annual music festival Basingstoke Live was called-in, meaning the matter has to be revisited by the cabinet.

Councillors raised concerns

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it could put the festival under threat if an outside company took over and charged for tickets.

A report by council officers said: "Volunteers would be less willing to do unpaid work for private companies and this would have significant implications on the cost of running events."

"The case has not been sufficiently made for outsourcing events."

A total of 33,000 people attended Basingstoke Live in July and

over 80 per cent of the acts that



• Basingstoke Live in July performed were from the borough.

The cabinet are also set to discuss a scrutiny committee meeting item from November 20 - when a decision to ring-fence £450,000 of council money for a new footbridge at Bramley Station was also called-in.

As previously reported by the Observer, parish councillors objected to plans to use the Local Infrastructure Fund - a pot of government cash for large projects - for a new bridge, saying they were too vague and did not confirm the bridge would be disabled or pushchair-friendly.

But the call-in was not successful and the decision to ring-fence the money will still go ahead.

However, due to opposition from residents and the parish council, the cabinet will discuss plans to do a feasibility study to "ensure that the appropriate equality and disability discrimination clauses are included in any contract where the authority is contributing money."

Candidate's Corner

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**Call to replan Manydown**

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BDBC and HCC are the planning authority and landowners, they could happily become the

developers too.

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The 3,000-plus housing units that have been proposed for Manydown is ludicrous.

Local roads and infrastructure will not cope.

But a more restrained council housing project with real employment within the development, makes sense.

Without local employment, what do we expect these 6,000-plus people to do?

If they all are expected to drive to work, Basingstoke's already stretched transport system will fail.

Basingstoke needs social housing, but not without real long-term employment, with real wages - proper jobs that give more than minimum wage.

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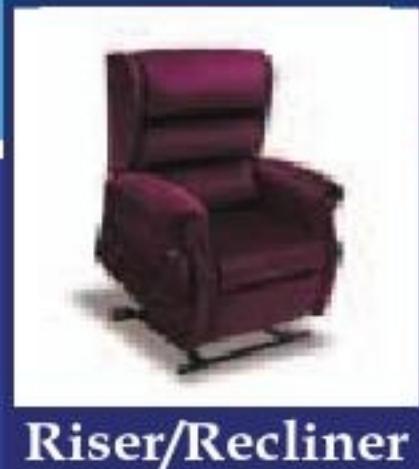
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Plan to protect open spaces is postponed

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Council meets

WHITCHURCH: The next scheduled meeting of Whitchurch Town Council will take place on Monday, December 15.

The leisure and environment committee is due to meet at Whitchurch Town Hall in Newbury Street at 7.30pm.

Residents can attend and raise concerns with parish councillors at the meeting.

Charity boost

HAMPSHIRE: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA) will save thousands in a new VAT relief, the charity announced.

The measure announced by Chancellor George Osborne last Wednesday in his Autumn Statement revealed a VAT relief on charitable expenses that fund the activities of the air ambulance.

HIOWAA CEO Alex Lohrane said: "This is a very welcome announcement.

"These VAT savings will be redirected back to the charity so that we can continue to improve our service, delivering the highest standard of patient care to people of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight."

A PROPOSAL to protect all council-owned green spaces from development has been postponed for councillors to seek legal advice.

In Basingstoke and Deane, 52 of 60 green spaces including parks and playing fields are to be protected under the plans.

And at a Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council cabinet meeting last week a motion was put forward to change the wording of the proposal so that all 60 spaces are covered.

The green space is covered unless the land has previously been earmarked as a site that could be developed, under a clause called the 'exemptions criteria'.

At the meeting, Eastrop ward councillor Gavin James told the cabinet: "We should be protecting all of the sites if we are passionate about them."

Basingstoke resident Helen Richards said: "To leave the exceptions criteria unchanged would be a cynical manipulation of a well-intentioned policy."

Debbie Reavell of the Basingstoke Heritage Society, said the criteria "sets out to thwart the intention of councillors to protect our green open space."

The proposal currently states: "Green spaces would not be afforded protection where an earlier council decision has already been made to either

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develop a site or investigate the potential of a site, or where a previous decision has been taken that access across a site may be required in the future."

The wording proposed by Cllr James is: "Green spaces would even be afforded protection..."

If the wording is changed it could block controversial plans for a new £10million football stadium in Eastrop.

Plans for a 5,124-seater stadium in Old Common Road sparked a petition against the move because of the loss of open space on land next to the Hilton hotel.

Cllr James called for the wording to be changed so the land in Old Common Road is covered

and protected from the stadium development.

But cabinet member Mark Ruffell said: "This hasn't been thought through, if it has, they are leading us into a car crash."

"I think we need legal advice so we can do the right thing at the right time."

Council leader Clive Sanders withdrew the decision until the council could get legal advice.

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Christmas truce

BASINGSTOKE: A First World War-themed charity football match to remember soldiers' truce on Christmas Day, 1914, kicked off last night as the Observer went to print.

The match, called WW1 Football Remembers: The Christmas Truce - was organised by Hampshire Football Association to raise money for Help for Heroes charity.

Under 15s players from charities Saints Foundation and Pompey in the Community kicked-off at 7.15pm at Winkleberry Football Complex in Winklebury Way.

Soldiers from Germany and Britain put down weapons to mark Christmas Day and play football on the frontline.

New crossing finished after delayed roadworks



A CHINEHAM toucan crossing which sparked complaints by residents because of delays has now been finished.

The £220,000 Hampshire County Council roadworks on an A33 crossing north of the Binfields Roundabout were completed last week, December 2, about two weeks behind schedule.

Previously the Observer reported councillors and residents were angry about delays and roadwork equipment left at the roadside.

Councillor Martin Biermann, of Chineham, said: "It is ridiculous how long it took to complete."

"It was a relatively small improvement that took over 14 weeks which is silly."

He said a senior county council highways engineer told him the

works were delayed by a week at the start of the project, and technical issues with the lights delayed the work further.

The new crossing will stop traffic for pedestrians and cyclists and make the junction safer.

Paths leading up to the crossing have been widened to create space for pedestrians and cyclists.

But concerns were also raised over the width of the new cycle paths.

Cllr Biermann added: "The cycle paths are well below regulations width."

"They should be wider - this is an issue that needs addressing."

The new crossing just north of the Binfields Roundabout

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WIN tickets to the new London Classic Car Show!

A spectacular new international classic car show is all set to take the country by storm in the New Year... and you could be there as we have 5 pairs of Sunday tickets to give away in this special promotion.

Staged at the ultra-modern ExCeL exhibition centre in the capital's Docklands from 8-11 January, the innovative London Classic Car Show will put the spotlight on hundreds of the world's most iconic and desirable cars.

The London Classic Car Show is the latest creation from Brand Events, the company behind all-action car shows like Top Gear Live, and promises to be unlike any classic car yet staged full of innovative features.

One such is The Grand Avenue, a motoring catwalk along which 40 classics – four from each decade of the 20th century – will be driven, transforming the show from static exhibition into a truly moving experience.

One of the show's curators, Top Gear's James May, will be revealing what he considers to be the 'Most Significant Car Of All Time' while another

Closing date:

Wednesday, December 31st, 2014

curator, TV chef James Martin, will not only be displaying his private collection of classics but will also be running the James Martin Classic Café offering up 'good, simple, grub' to visitors.

The 60th anniversary of the dramatic Citroën DS will be celebrated with many examples of 'The Goddess' – as well as a first look at the new DS brand

– on show, and there will also be displays from leading classic dealers and specialists as well as a special Motor Sport 'Hall of Fame' set piece featuring great F1 cars once raced by the likes of Ayrton Senna, Michael Schumacher and Sir Stirling Moss.

Tickets are now available from the show website – www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk – where early bird discounts reduce the on-the-door standard entry price from £25 to just £22.

WIN tickets!

As we mentioned we have 5 pairs of tickets to the show on January 11 and to be in with a chance of winning a pair all you have to do is answer this simple question:

Q: Where is the London Classic Car Show 2015 being staged?

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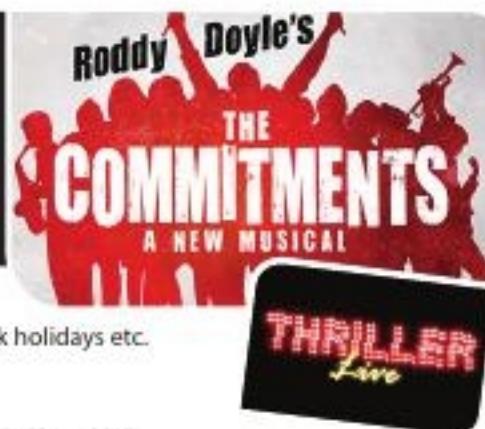
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- 2 Bend head quickly (3)
- 9 Conclusion (3)
- 10 Manner of performance (9)
- 11 Sailing vessel (5)
- 13 Empty (7)
- 14 Counting frame (6)
- 16 Strain (6)
- 18 Take by surprise (7)
- 19 Squander (5)
- 20 Ascribe (9)
- 21 Donkey (3)
- 22 Long-bodied insects (11)

Quick Clues Down

- 3 Happening (5)
- 4 Corrects (6)
- 5 Brass instrument (7)
- 6 Silent (9)
- 7 January 1st (3,5,3)
- 8 Scatter here and there (11)
- 12 Distinctive quality (9)
- 15 Unfastening
- 17 Go back (6)
- 19 Circular revolving frame (5)
- 21 Imitate (3)

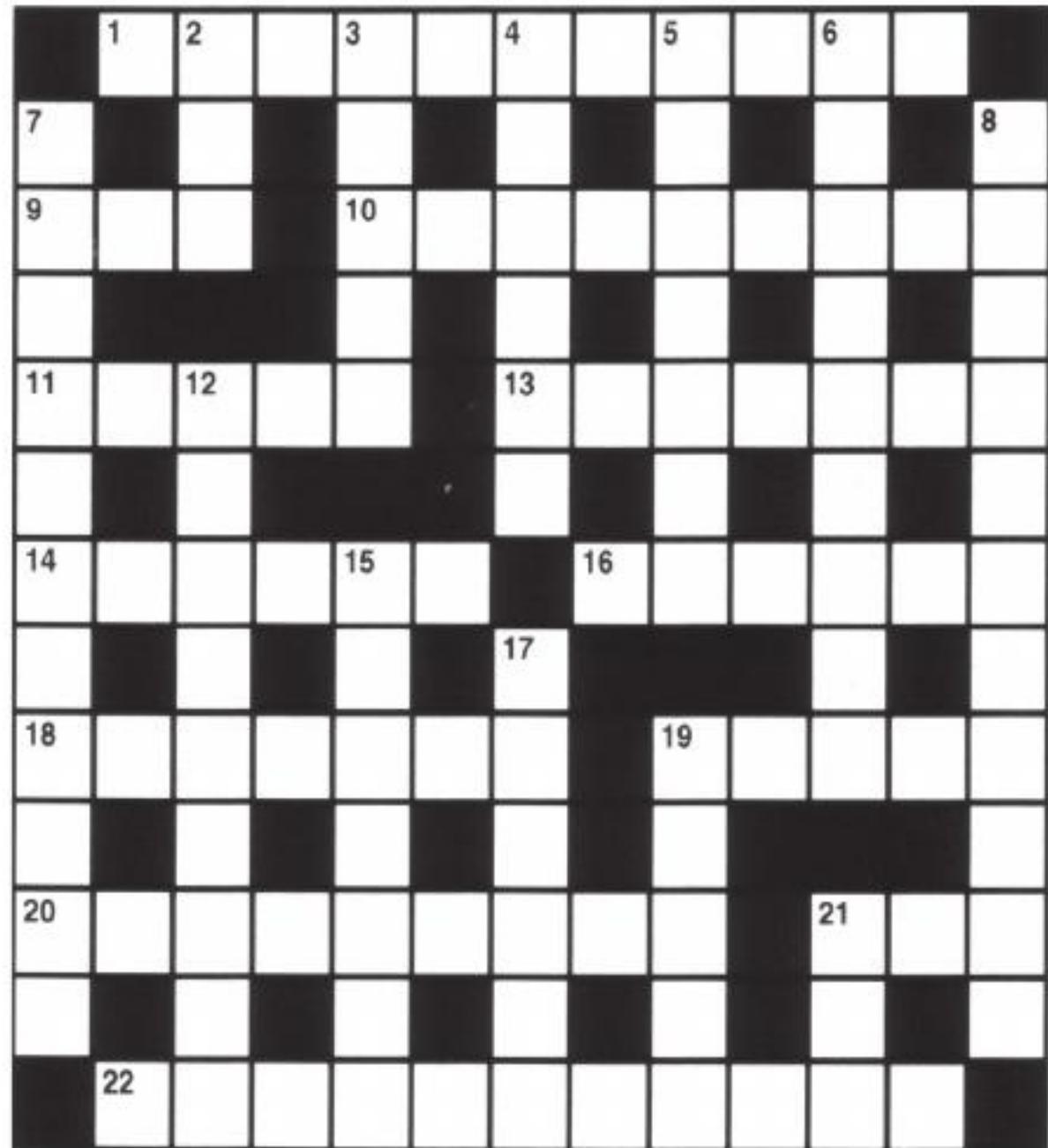
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Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Let Aunty vie with the change-over of any contingency (11)
- 3 3 down's cold centre (3)
- 10 Bail out in the box to check the measurements (9)
- 11 Ore who pulls a lot of weight can rise to a great height (5)
- 13 Useful way of starting a game (7)
- 14 Mistakes made by the traitor in time (6)
- 16 Sword for the god on the jetty (6)
- 18 No share of the speech (7)
- 19 Part of joint returned to group (5)
- 20 Praising the former tax on badly brewed gin? (9)
- 21 Stand as candidate while the show is on? (3)
- 22 Now for a birthday? (7,4)

Cryptic Clues Down

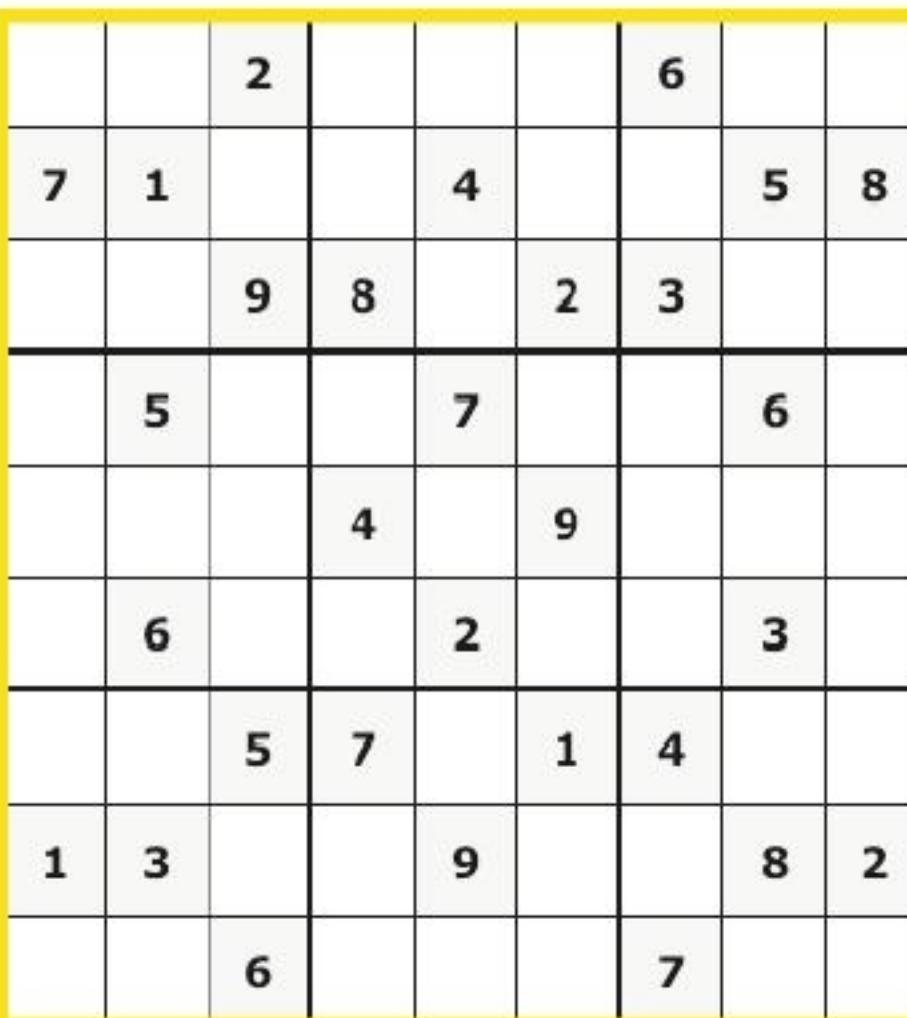
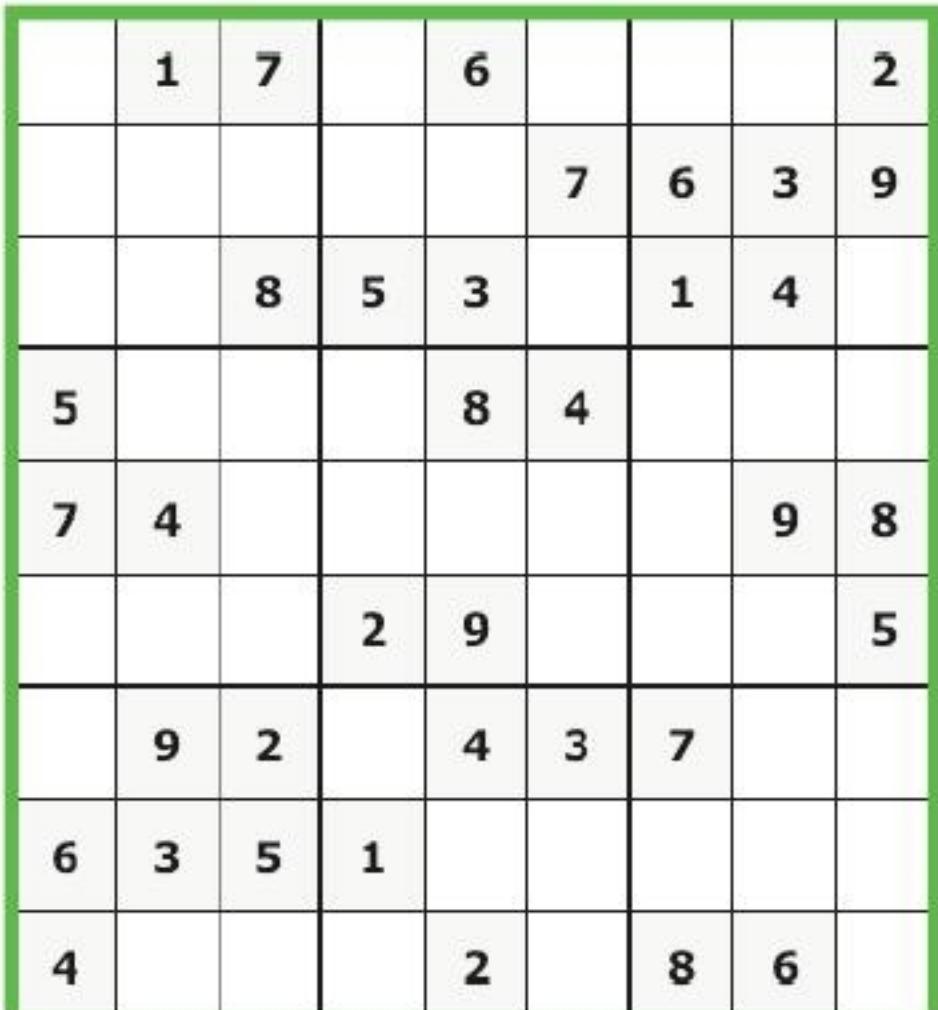
- 2 Compete in the review (3)
- 3 It is more agreeable to pull back about a hundred (5)
- 4 Except that the world assembly takes a smaller part (6)
- 5 A pound can make Spain and Portugal into an African country (7)
- 6 No, it comes back, and I move suddenly up for the custom, (9)
- 7 Now tell me it is rewritten as a classic story (6,5)
- 8 Going further into the assessment, after putting up half a poem for ten to back (11)
- 12 Fight, rave, or be the one to give a guarantee (9)
- 15 Toys with the dessert? (7)
- 17 An Asian and I in a mix-up (6)
- 19 Time for a sound lady's champion (5)
- 21 Drive home the animal (3)



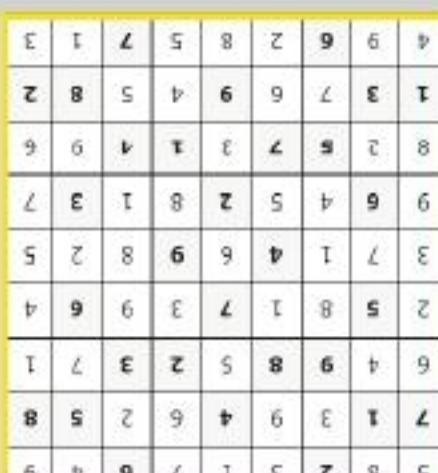
Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

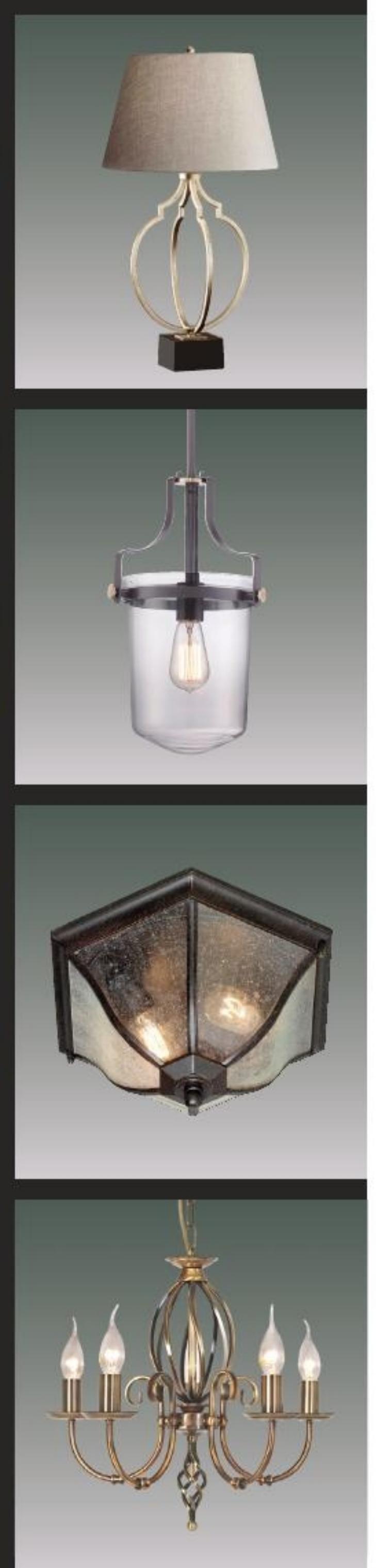
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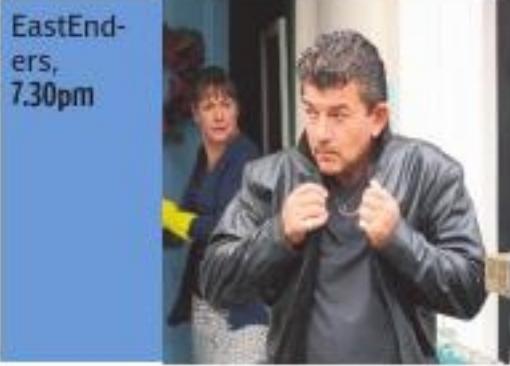
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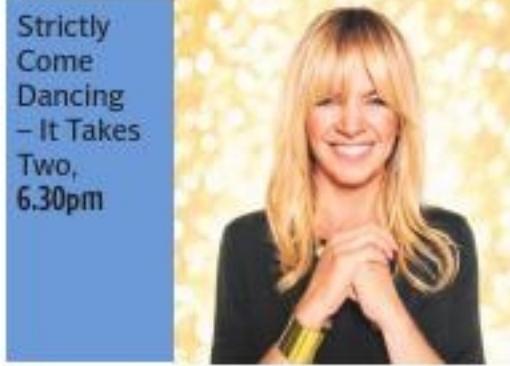
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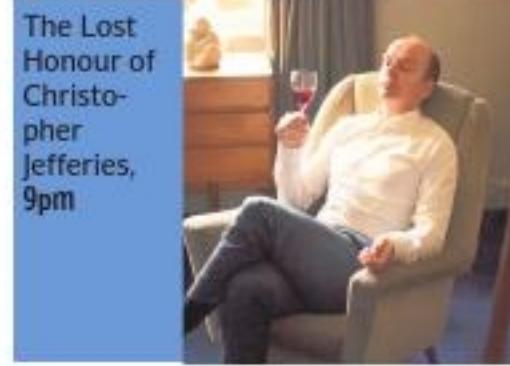
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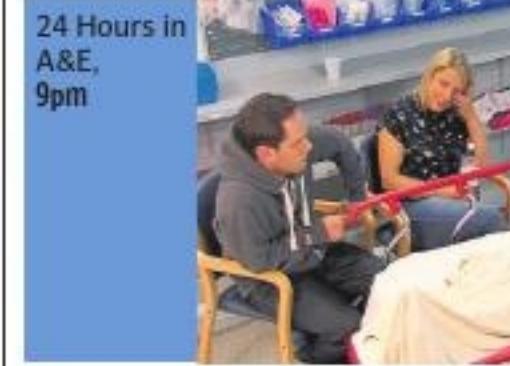
Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two, 6.30pm

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The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies, 9pm

Channel 4



24 Hours in A&E, 9pm

Channel 5



The Railway: First Great Western, 8pm

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6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.15** *Fake Britain* (T) **10.00** *Homes Under the Hammer* (T) **11.00** *Claimed and Shamed* (T)(R) **11.30** *Oxford Street Revealed* (T) **12.15** *Bargain Hunt* (T)(R) **1.00** *BBC News*; *Weather* (T) **1.30** *BBC Regional News and Weather* (T) **1.45** *Doctors* (T) **2.15** *The Doctor Blake Mysteries* Blake tries to prove a death row prisoner's innocence. (T)(R) **3.10** *Escape to the Country* (T)(R) **3.40** *Christmas Kitchen with James Martin* (T) **4.30** *Flog It!* (T) **5.15** *Pointless* (T)(R) **6.00** *BBC News*; *Weather* (T) **6.30** *BBC Regional News Programmes*; *Weather* (T)

7.00 *The One Show* Topical stories from around the UK. (T) **7.30** *EastEnders* Tina is at her lowest ebb after Tosh's attack; (T) *BBC News*; *Regional News* (T)

8.00 *BBC Music Awards* Chris Evans and Fearne Cotton host this celebration of the past year in music, featuring performances by One Direction, Ed Sheeran, Paloma Faith, Take That and Clean Bandit. (T)

10.00 *BBC News* (T) **10.25** *BBC Regional News and Weather* (T) **10.35** *Question Time* David Dimbleby hosts the debate from Canterbury. (T)

11.35 *This Week* The past seven days in politics. (T)

12.20 *Skilng Weatherview* (T) **12.25** *BBC News* (T)

6.05 *Homes Under the Hammer* (T)(R) **7.05** *Claimed and Shamed* (T)(R) **7.35** *Oxford Street Revealed* (T) **8.20** *Sign Zone* (T)(R) **10.35** *HARDtalk* (T) **11.00** *BBC News* (T) **11.30** *BBC World News* (T) **12.00** *Daily Politics* (T) **1.00** *James Martin's Food Map of Britain* (T) **1.10** *The Blue Planet* (T)(R) **2.10** *The Great British Bake Off* (T)(R) **3.10** *A Place to Call Home* (T) **3.55** *The World's Most Photographed* (T)(R) **4.25** *Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain* (T)(R) **5.25** *Vintage Antiques Roadshow* (T)(R) **6.00** *Eggheads* (T)(R) **6.30** *Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two* (T)

7.00 *James May's Cars of the People* James explores how aspiration and new wealth inspired some of the greatest vehicles ever made and also unveils his choice of the ultimate people's car. Last in the series. (T)(R)

8.00 *MasterChef: The Professionals* The last two semi-finalists work a lunchtime service at Wild Honey in London's Mayfair, before recreating one of chef patron Anthony Demetre's signature dishes. (T)

9.00 *The Fall* Spector's unpredictability forces Gibson to act quickly and change her strategy when her carefully laid plans to snare the killer and save Rose Stagg fall apart. (T)

10.00 *Russell Howard's Good News* The comedian's perspective on the news. (T) **10.30** *Newslight*; (T) *Weather* (T)

11.20 *The Fruit & Veg Market: Inside New Spitalfields* Behind the scenes of London's prime wholesale fruit and vegetable market. Last in the series. (T)(R)

12.20 *Sign Zone: Domestic Abuse: Caught on Camera – Panorama* (T)(R) **12.50** *World's Greatest Food Markets* (T)(R) **1.50** *This Is BBC Two* (T) **4.00** *BBC Learning Zone* (T)(R)

6.00 *Good Morning Britain* (T) **8.30** *Lorraine* (T) **9.25** *The Jeremy Kyle Show* (T) **10.30** *This Morning* (T) **12.30** *Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel* (T) **1.30** *ITV News* (T) **1.55** *ITV Regional News*; *Weather* (T) **2.00** *Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover* Overhauling a home in Gravesend, Kent. (T) **3.00** *Secret Dealers* A woman who has inherited a large collection of gold and silver trinkets. (T) **3.59** *ITV Regional Weather* (T) **4.00** *Tipping Point* Quiz show, with Ben Shephard. (T)(R) **5.00** *The Chase* Quiz show, with Bradley Walsh. (T) **6.00** *ITV Regional News*; *Weather* (T) **6.30** *ITV News* (T)

7.00 *Emmerdale* A troubled Belle targets Edna. (T) **7.30** *The Diversity Deficit: Tonight* The employment gap between white and ethnic minority communities. (T)

8.00 *Emmerdale* Belle offers to buy Lachlan's silence. (T) **8.30** *Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs* An aggressive chihuahua is retrained. (T)(R)

9.00 *The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies* Conclusion. The retired teacher returns to the limelight and fights to clear his name over the murder of his tenant, landscape architect Joanna Yeates. (T)

10.30 *ITV News* (T)

6.20 *The King of Queens* (T)(R) **7.10** *3rd Rock from the Sun* (T)(R) **8.00** *Everybody Loves Raymond* (T)(R) **9.00** *Frasier* (T)(R) **10.00** *Kirstie's Home for Christmas* (T)(R) **11.00** *Jamie's 15 Minute Meals* (T)(R) **11.30** *Come Dine with Me* (T)(R) **12.00** *Channel 4 News* (T) **12.05** *Come Dine with Me* (T)(R) **2.10** *A Place in the Sun: Home or Away* Properties in Brighton and the Costa del Sol, Spain. (T) **3.10** *Countdown* (T) **4.00** *Deal or No Deal* Beat-the-banker game show. (T) **5.00** *Come Dine with Me* (T) **5.30** *Coach Trip* (T) **6.00** *The Simpsons* (T) **6.30** *Hollyoaks* (T)

7.00 *Channel 4 News* (T)

8.00 *George Clarke's Amazing Spaces* The architect meets a farmer turning a 1970s Bedford fire truck into a mobile shop, and Will Hardie visits a teacher who is transforming a pony trailer into a holiday retreat. (T)

9.00 *24 Hours in A&E* A seven-year-old boy is brought in after falling from a tree, a 66-year-old man has collapsed at home and an eight-year-old is suffering from severe hay fever. (T)

10.00 *Babylon* Liz discovers her job is at risk when Acting Commissioner Inglis is tipped for a promotion, but when a child goes missing, she forms a plan to save her career. (T)

11.05 *Skint* More stories of people living in poverty in Grimsby, from fishermen out of work after a lifetime at sea, to those doing whatever they can to make ends meet. (T)(R)

12.10 *Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA* (T)(R) **1.00** *One Born Every Minute* (T)(R) **1.50** *The Billion Pound Base: Dismantling Camp Bastion* (T)(R) **2.45** *A&E in the War Zone* (T)(R) **3.40** *Phil Spencer: Secret Agent* (T)(R)

12.00 *SuperCasino* **3.10** *Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild* (T)(R) **4.00** *Michaela's Wild Challenge* (T)(R) **4.25** *House Doctor* (T)(R) **5.10** *House Doctor* (T)(R) **5.35** *Wildlife SOS* (T)(R)

6.00 *Milkshake!* **9.15** *The Wright Stuff* Studio debate on the day's news. **11.25** *Film Three Wise Women* (2010) (PG) Christmas fantasy, starring Amy Huberman. (T) **1.10** *5 News Lunchtime* (T) **1.15** *Home and Away* (T) **1.45** *Film Dear Santa* (2011) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Amy Acker. (T) **3.30** *Film It's Christmas, Carol!* (2012) (12) Fantasy, starring Emmanuelle Vaugier. (T) **5.20** *Chinese Food In Minutes* Oriental cooking. (T) (R) **5.30** *5 News at 5* (T) **6.00** *Home and Away* Matt goes out drinking with Gray on the eve of his first exam. (T)(R) **6.30** *5 News Tonight* (T)

7.00 *The Gadget Show* The team checks out the best Christmas gifts, with Amy Williams taking this year's must-have technological toys to be tested at a school, a grotto and a children's hospital; (T)(R) **5 News Update** (T)

8.00 *The Railway: First Great Western* Staff try to get thousands of rugby union fans home after a Six Nations match in Cardiff; (T) **5 News at 9** (T)

9.00 *Britain's Bloodiest Dynasty* Dan Jones examines the reign of Edward II, exploring the rumours that he was gay and investigating what turned his queen into a bloodthirsty matriarch. (T)

10.00 *Braveheart: The True Story* Questioning the historical accuracy of Mel Gibson's 1995 Oscar-winning movie *Braveheart*, which was based on the life of Scottish freedom fighter William Wallace. (T)(R)

11.00 *Who Killed Tutankhamun?* Two former FBI agents examine the death of the Egyptian pharaoh, using the tools of modern homicide investigation. (T)(R)

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6.00 *Faith in the Future* **6.25** *Heartbeat* **7.20** *French Fields* **7.55** *George and Mildred* **8.25** *The Darling Buds of May* **9.35** *Judge Judy* **10.50** *A Touch of Frost* **12.55** *Heartbeat* **2.00** *Agatha Christie's Marple* **4.00** *Faith in the Future* **4.35** *French Fields* **5.10** *George and Mildred* **5.40** *Heartbeat* **6.40** *Wycliffe* **7.55** *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* **9.00** *The Best of the Royal Variety*

10.00 *Secret Smile* **11.35** *The Vice* **12.50** *A Touch of Frost* **2.30** *Teleshopping* **BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7**
7.00 *Don't Tell the Bride* **8.00** *Don't Tell the Bride: Christmas in Wonderland* **9.00** *Comedy Fest Live 2014* **10.00** *Our War: Goodbye Afghanistan* **11.30** *EastEnders* **12.00** *Family Guy* **1.05** *Our War: Goodbye Afghanistan* **2.30** *How Safe Are My Drugs?* **3.30** *Life Is Toff* **4.00** *Close* **BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9**
7.00 *World News Today*; *Weather* **7.30** *Top of the Pops*: 1979 **8.00** *Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey* **9.00** *Castles - Britain's Fortified History* **10.00** *Puppy Love* **10.30** *Spike Milligan: Assorted Q* **11.00** *10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes* **12.00** *The Secrets of Quantum Physics* **1.00** *Top of the Pops*: 1979 **1.35** *Sounds of the 70s* **2.00** *Punk - Anarchy on the BBC* **2.05** *Puppy Love* **2.35** *Castles - Britain's Fortified History* **3.35** *Close* **E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28**
6.00 *Hollyoaks* **6.30** *My Fair Wedding* **7.20** *One Tree Hill* **8.00** *Suburgatory* **8.30** *Happy Endings* **9.00** **1.00** *Rules of Engagement* **11.00** *How I Met Your Mother* **12.00** *Hollyoaks* **12.30** *Paternity Court* **1.00** *How I Met Your Mother* **2.00** *The Big Bang Theory* **2.55** *Rude(ish) Tube Shorts* **3.00** *My Fair Wedding* **4.00** *Melissa & Joey* **4.30** *Suburgatory* **5.00** *How*

Friday December 12th

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The Graham Norton Show, 10.35pm



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Mastermind, 8pm



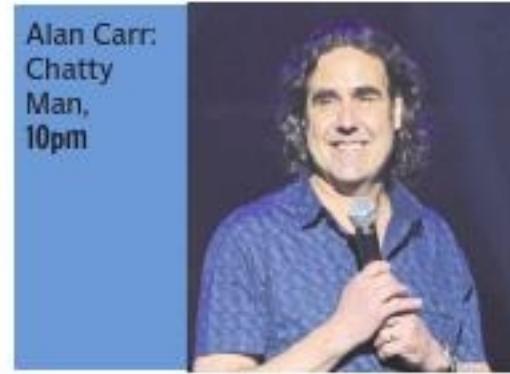
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The Martin Lewis Money Show, 8pm



Channel 4

Alan Carr: Chatty Man, 10pm



Channel 5

Ice Road Truckers, 8pm



6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.15** *Fake Britain* (T) **10.00** *Homes Under the Hammer* (T) (R) **11.00** *Claimed and Shamed* (T) (R) **11.30** *Oxford Street Revealed* (T) **12.15** *Bargain Hunt* (T) **1.00** *BBC News*; *Weather* (T) **1.30** *BBC Regional News and Weather* (T) **1.45** *Doctors* (T) **2.15** *The Doctor Blake Mysteries* Lucien is appointed to the judging panel for the Begonia Festival. (T) (R) **3.10** *Escape to the Country* (T) (R) **3.40** *Christmas Kitchen with James Martin* (T) **4.30** *Flog It!* (T) **5.15** *Pointless* (T) (R) **6.00** *BBC News*; *Weather* (T) **6.30** *BBC Regional News Programmes*; *Weather* (T)

7.00 *The One Show* Hosted by Chris Evans and Alex Jones. (T) **7.30** *The Two Ronnies Sketchbook* The comedy duo's favourite moments from their TV shows; (T) *BBC News*; *Regional News* (T)

8.00 *EastEnders* A revelation prompts Ian to make amends with Peter. (T) **8.30** *Citizen Khan* The wedding day dawns – but Mrs Khan refuses to attend the ceremony. (T)

9.00 *Have I Got News for You* Hosted by Martin Clunes. Last in the series. (T) **9.30** *Not Going Out* The friends jet off on a summer holiday. (T)

10.00 *BBC News* (T) **10.25** *BBC Regional News and Weather*; (T) *National Lottery Update* (T) **10.35** *The Graham Norton Show* With Jim Carrey, Jude Law, Tamsin Greig and Nicole Scherzinger. (T)

11.20 *Cuckoo* Ken's former professor Dr Rafferty passes away. (T) **11.50** *EastEnders* Omnibus. Sonia and Martin finally talk about how they feel. (T) (R)

1.45 *Weather for the Week Ahead* (T) **1.50** *BBC News* (T)

6.05 *Homes Under the Hammer* (T) (R) **7.05** *Claimed and Shamed* (T) (R) **7.35** *Oxford Street Revealed* (T) (R) **8.20** *Sign Zone* (T) (R) **10.35** *The Travel Show* (T) **11.00** *BBC News* (T) **11.30** *BBC World News* (T) **12.00** *Daily Politics* (T) **1.00** *The A to Z of TV Cooking* (T) (R) **1.10** *The Blue Planet* (T) (R) **2.10** *The Great British Bake Off* (T) (R) **3.10** *A Place to Call Home* (T) **3.55** *The World's Most Photographed* (T) (R) **4.25** *Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain* (T) (R) **5.25** *Vintage Antiques Roadshow* (T) (R) **6.00** *Eggheads* (T) (R) **6.30** *Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two* (T)

7.00 *The Home That Two Built* How BBC Two reflected shifting lifestyle trends during the 1990s and 2000s, with home makeover shows and programmes about buying and selling property. Last in the series. (T)

8.00 *Mastermind* Specialist subjects include Cary Grant. (T) **8.30** *Mary Berry's Absolute Christmas Favourites* Part one of two. The Great British Bake Off judge demonstrates recipes for the festive season. (T)

9.00 *Canterbury Cathedral* New series. Documentary series following a year in the life of the home of the Anglican church. Justin Welby celebrates his first Christmas as Archbishop of Canterbury. (T)

10.00 *QI* With Sara Pascoe, Jack Whitehall and Adam Hills. (T) **10.30** *Newsnight* (T)

11.00 *Weather* (T) **11.05** *Never Mind the Buzzcocks* With Charley Bagnall. (T) (R) **11.35** *Film Dead Poets Society* (1989) (PG) Drama, with Robin Williams and Ethan Hawke. (T)

1.40 *Sign Zone: Question Time* (T) (R) **2.40** *This Is BBC Two* (T)

6.00 *Good Morning Britain* (T) **8.30** *Lorraine* (T) **9.25** *The Jeremy Kyle Show* (T) **10.30** *This Morning* (T) **12.30** *Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel* (T) **1.30** *ITV News* (T) **1.55** *ITV Regional News*; *Weather* (T) **2.00** *Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover* The team surprises a family affected by flooding. (T) **3.00** *Secret Dealers* (T) **3.59** *ITV Regional Weather* (T) **4.00** *Tipping Point* Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. Last in the series. (T) (R) **5.00** *The Chase* Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (T) **6.00** *ITV Regional News*; *Weather* (T) **6.30** *ITV News* (T)

7.00 *Emmerdale* Belle's behaviour takes another shocking turn. (T) **7.30** *Coronation Street* Gary and Alya meet in secret at No 6. (T)

8.00 *The Martin Lewis Money Show* Tips to save money on train fares. (T) **8.30** *Coronation Street* Kylie lies when David demands to know the name of her dealer. (T)

9.00 *A Night In with Olly Murs* A musical extravaganza with the pop star, featuring some of his biggest hits, songs from his new album and guest appearances by John Bishop, Caroline Flack and Nicole Scherzinger. (T)

10.00 *ITV News and Weather* (T) **10.30** *ITV Regional News*; *Weather* (T) **10.40** *Film Casino Royale* (2006) (12) James Bond pursues an international criminal responsible for financing terrorist organisations across the world. Spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig, Eva Green and Mads Mikkelsen. (T)

11.05 *Toast of London* Steven is reunited with an old flame. Last in the series. (T) (R) **11.40** *Film Sightseers* (2012) (15) Comedy horror, starring Alice Lowe and Steve Oram. (T)

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7.00 *Channel 4 News* (T)

8.00 *Marvel's Agents of SHIELD* Coulson and the team find themselves in a face-off against Hydra to uncover an ancient secret, while Ward kidnaps his senator brother for a shocking trip down memory lane. (T)

9.00 *Gogglebox* Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (T)

10.00 *Alan Carr: Chatty Man* The host is joined by Stephen Fry and Clare Balding, talking about their new books, and Micky Flanagan, discussing his latest DVD. Plus, Gorgon City perform with Jennifer Hudson. (T)

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12.00 *SuperCasino* **3.10** *The Gadget Show* (T) (R) **4.00** *Michaela's Wild Challenge* (T) (R) **4.25** *House Doctor* (T) (R) **4.45** *House Doctor* (T) (R) **5.10** *House Doctor* (T) (R) **5.35** *Wildlife SOS* (T) (R)

7.00 *World Strongman Championship* Matt Bell introduces highlights of the 2014 Masters World Strongman Championships, an event for over-40s held in Belfast; (T) **5 News Update** (T)

8.00 *Ice Road Truckers* Art loses power and grinds to a halt, Lisa encounters a problem at a narrow bridge and Darrell realises there is no ramp to get his load onto the trailer; (T) **5 News at 9** (T)

9.00 *Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild* Ben meets a 40-year-old British woman who gave up her old life as a communications manager to train huskies inside the Arctic Circle in northern Sweden. (T)

10.00 *Body of Proof* Last-ever episode. The coffin of Megan's father is found to be empty. Last in the series. (T) **10.55** *NCIS: Los Angeles* Callen's cover is blown. (T)

11.50 *Access* Showbiz news and gossip. (R)

SKY1 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 *Life's Funnest Moments* 6.25 *You've Been Framed!* 6.45 *Emmerdale* 7.45 *You've Been Framed!* 8.15 *The Cube* 9.15 *Royal Pains* 10.15 *The Chase* 11.15 *All Star Family Fortunes* 12.15 *Emmerdale* 1.15 *You've Been Framed!* 1.50 *Royal Pains* 2.45 *The Jeremy Kyle Show* 6.00 *You've Been Framed!* 7.00 *The Best of You've Been Framed!* 8.00 *I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!* 9.00 *Film: Hot Fuzz* (2007) (15) 11.25 *Film: Little Man* (2006) (12) 1.20 *Warren United* 1.45 *Two and a Half Men* 2.10 *Lawson: The Hot Desk* 2.20 *Teleshopping* 5.50 *ITV2 Nightscreen*

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 *Faith in the Future* 6.25 *Heartbeat* 7.20 *French Fields* 7.55 *George and Mildred* 8.25 *The Darling Buds of May* 9.35 *Judge Judy* 10.55 *A Touch of Frost* 1.00 *Heartbeat* 2.00 *Agatha Christie's Marple* 4.05 *Faith in the Future* 4.40 *French Fields* 5.15 *Rising Damp* 5.45 *Heartbeat* 6.50 *Wycliffe* 8.00 *A Touch of Frost* 10.00

ITV4 SKY: 120 FV: 9
6.00 *Secret Smile* 11.35 *The Vice* 12.40 *A Touch of Frost* 2.25 *Judge Judy* 2.45 *World Kitchen* 3.10 *ITV3 Nightscreen* 3.40 *Emmerdale*

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 *Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel* 7.15 *Atlantis* 8.00 *Motorway Cops* 9.00 *Generation Sex: Secrets of South America* 10.00 *Bad Education* 10.30 *EastEnders* 11.00 *Siblings* 12.00 *Family Guy* 1.30 *Bad Education* 2.00 *People Just Do Nothing* 4.00 *Close*

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 *World News Today*; *Weather* 7.30 *Choir of the Year* 2014 9.00 *Queen: Days of Our Lives* 11.00 *Great American Rock Anthems: Turn It Up to 11* 12.00 *Even More Guitar Heroes at the BBC* 1.00 *Queen: Days of Our Lives* 3.00 *Great American Rock Anthems: Turn It Up to 11* 4.00 *Close*

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 *Hollyoaks* 6.30 *My Fair Wedding* 7.20 *One Tree Hill* 8.00 *Suburgatory* 8.30 *Happy Endings* 9.00 *Charmed* 10.00 *Rules of Engagement* 11.00 *How I Met Your Mother* 12.00 *Hollyoaks* 12.30 *Paternity Court* 1.00 *How I Met Your Mother* 2.00 *The Big Bang Theory* 3.00 *My Fair Wedding* 4.00 *Melissa & Joey* 4.30 *Suburgatory* 5.00 *How I Met Your Mother* 6.00 *The Big Bang Theory* 7.00 *Hollyoaks* 7.30 *Melissa & Joey* 8.00 *The Big Bang Theory* 9.00 *FILM: The Waterboy* (1998) (12) 10.45 *The Big Bang Theory* 11.45 *Tattoos After Dark* 12.15 *Bad Robots* 12.45 *Almost Royal* 1.15 *Paternity Court* 1.45 *The Cleveland Show* 3.00 *Franklin & Bash* 3.45 *One Tree Hill* 4.25 *Chained*

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 *Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb*

Saturday December 13th

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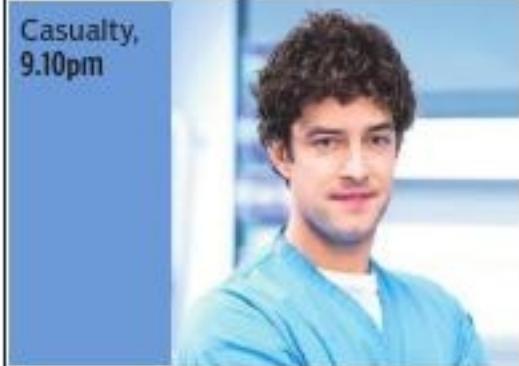
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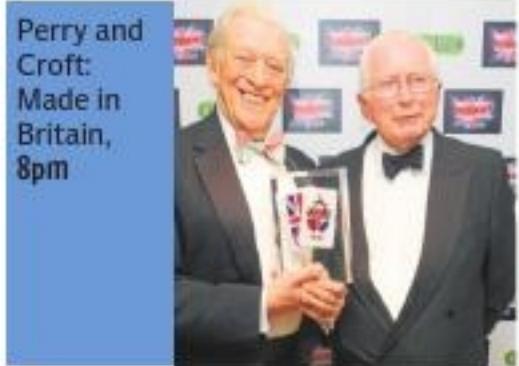
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6.00 Breakfast (T) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (T) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (T) **12.00 BBC News; Weather** (T) **12.10 Football Focus** (T) **12.50 Saturday Sportsday** (T) **1.00 Gymnastics World Cup** (T) **3.00 Cycling: Track World Cup** Highlights from London's Lee Valley VeloPark. (T) **4.30 Final Score** (T) **5.10 A Question of Sport** (T)(R) **5.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather** (T) **6.00 Pointless Celebrities** Music special, featuring Paul Heaton, Carol Decker, Sheila Ferguson and Dana. (T) **6.50 Strictly Come Dancing** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the semi-final. (T)

BBC2



6.00 CBBC **11.00 The Blue Planet** (T) (R) **12.00 James Martin's Food Map of Britain** (T)(R) **12.20 Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey** (T)(R) **1.20 The Rockford Files** (T)(R) **2.05 FILM Funny Girl** (1968) (U) Musical biopic of Fanny Brice, starring Barbra Streisand. (T) **4.30 Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain** Britain's role in the Second World War. Last in the series. (T)(R) **5.30 Restoring England's Heritage** (T) **6.00 Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom** How stonemasons, blacksmiths and carpenters co-ordinated their efforts while building a castle. (T)(R)

7.00 Flog It! Adam Partridge and Catherine Southon value items brought into the town hall in Todmorden, West Yorkshire, while Paul Martin visits the Bronte Parsonage Museum in Haworth. (T)

8.00 Perry and Croft: Made In Britain How the duo's comedies each encapsulated the end of an era. Last in the series. (T) **8.30 Dad's Army** The platoon spends a night in a spooky house. (T)(R)

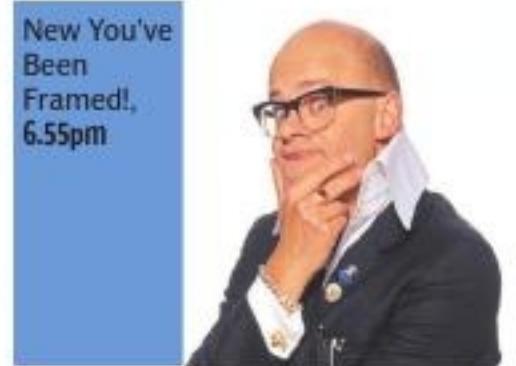
9.00 QI XL Extended edition. (T) **9.45 Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction** Dominic Sandbrook examines the use of time travel in the genre. Last in the series. (T)

10.45 FILM Let Me In (2010) (15) A bullied boy befriends a mysterious girl, unaware she is a vampire who is behind a recent series of killings. Horror remake, starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Kodi Smit-McPhee. (T)

11.55 The Football League Show Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two. (T)

1.15 FILM Black Eagle (1988) (PG) Martial arts adventure, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. (T) **2.50 Weather for the Week Ahead** (T) **2.55 BBC News** (T)

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6.00 CITV **9.25 Dinner Date** (T)(R) **10.20 Murder, She Wrote** (T)(R) **11.15 ITV News; Weather** (T) **11.20 Storage Hoarders** (T)(R) **12.20 FILM Columbo: Fade In to Murder** (1976) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and William Shatner. (T) **1.55 FILM Mannequin** (1987) (PG) Fantasy comedy, starring Andrew McCarthy. (T) **3.50 FILM Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban** (2004) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. (T) **6.30 ITV Regional News; Weather** (T) **6.40 ITV News** (T) **6.55 New You've Been Framed!** Featuring seals with an attitude problem. (T)

7.25 The Chase: Christmas Special Bradley Walsh hosts a festive edition with actors Steve Pemberton and Ben Miller, Coronation Street's Paula Lane (Kylie) and Educating Yorkshire's Mr Burton. Last in the series. (T)

8.30 The X Factor The three remaining acts head to Wembley Arena to battle it out in the first part of the final. Dermot O'Leary hosts. Concludes tomorrow at 8pm. (T)

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show With former X Factor judge Tulisa Contostavlos, actor and comedian James Corden, Mad Men star Jon Hamm, Celebrity Juice host Keith Lemon and music by Paloma Faith. (T)

11.40 ITV News; Weather (T) **11.55 FILM Balls of Fury** (2007) (12) I Comedy, starring Dan Fogler and Christopher Walken. (T)

1.30 Jackpot247 **3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA** (T)(R) **3.40 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4



6.10 NFL: Rush Zone (T) **6.35 Trans World Sport** (T) **7.30 Survival of the Fittest** (T) **7.55 The Morning Line** A preview of the day's main race meetings. (T) **9.00 Weekend Kitchen** (T) **10.00 Frasier** (T)(R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory** (T)(R) **11.30 The Simpsons** (T)(R) **12.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD** (T)(R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster. (T) **3.55 Come Dine with Me** (T)(R) **5.55 Channel 4 News** (T) **6.00 100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross** A countdown of the nation's favourite games and playthings. (T)(R)

8.15 My Crazy Christmas Obsession Four American households who take festive decorating to the extreme. (T)(R)

9.00 FILM Hope Springs (2012) (12) Premiere. A middle-aged couple head to a remote retreat for a week of therapy to revive their tired marriage. Romantic comedy, with Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones and Steve Carell. (T)

11.00 FILM An Officer and a Gentleman (1982) (15) A Navy recruit has an uneasy romance with a factory worker. Romantic drama, starring Richard Gere and Debra Winger. (T)

1.20 FILM Q&A (1990) (18) Police thriller, starring Nick Nolte. (T) **3.35 Hollyoaks** (T)(R) **5.45 NFL: Rush Zone** (T)

12.05 SuperCasino **3.10 Gotham** (T) **4.00 House Doctor** (T)(R) **4.25 Make It Big** (T)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (T) **5.15 Angels of Jarm** (T)(R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car** (T)(R)

Channel 5



6.00 Milkshake! **9.45 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (T)(R) **10.20 Access 10.30 World Strongman Championship** (T)(R) **11.25 FILM Ice Age: The Meltdown** (2006) (U) **1.10 FILM The Christmas Bunny** (2010) (PG) **2.55 FILM Angels and Ornaments** (2014) (PG) Premiere. Romantic fantasy, starring Jessalyn Gilsig. (T) **4.40 FILM Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan** (2010) (PG) Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts. (T) **6.30 FILM Mistletoe Over Manhattan** (2011) (PG) Christmas fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Greg Bryk. (T)

8.15 My Crazy Christmas Obsession Four American households who take festive decorating to the extreme. (T)(R)

9.05 5 News Weekend (T) **9.10 TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks** TV illusionists have been sawing ladies in half, catching bullets between their teeth, reading minds and performing feats of escapology for decades. Channel 5 counts down the best, including the astonishing set-pieces of Penn and Teller, the mind-bending of Derren Brown and the street magic of David Blaine. It features spectacular illusions, such as making the Statue of Liberty disappear, intimate card tricks and the lighter side of the business, thanks to the inclusion of comedy great Tommy Cooper. Paul Daniels and Dynamo also appear in this magic compendium. (T)(R)

12.05 SuperCasino **3.10 Gotham** (T) **4.00 House Doctor** (T)(R) **4.25 Make It Big** (T)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (T) **5.15 Angels of Jarm** (T)(R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car** (T)(R)

ITV3 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Ashley Roberts: The Hot Desk **6.10 Emmerdale** **8.50 Coronation Street** **11.20 The Cube: Celebrity Special** **12.20 You've Been Framed!** **12.50 FILM: Twins** (1988) (PG) **3.00 FILM: Secret Santa** (2003) (PG) Family drama, starring Jennie Garth. **4.50 You've Been Framed at Christmas!** **7.00 FILM: Pearl Harbor** (2001) (12) Romantic Second World War drama, with Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale. **10.35 The X Factor** **11.35 Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special** **12.35 The X Factor** **1.35 Nicole Scherzinger: The Hot Desk** **2.45 Teleshopping** **5.45 ITV2 Nighstcreen**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Judge Judy **6.40 Agatha Christie's Marple** **8.45 FILM: Columbo: Troubled Waters** (1975) (PG) **10.50 The Darling Buds of May** **1.00 A Touch of Frost** **3.00 Agatha Christie's Marple** **7.00 Rosemary & Thyme** **8.00 Doc Martin** **9.00 Foyle's War** **11.00 A Touch of Frost** **1.00 Bomb Girls** **1.50 Movies Now** **2.00 ITV3 Nighstcreen** **2.30 Teleshopping**

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Doctor Who **8.00 Top Gear** **9.10 Sherlock** **10.40 Live at the Apollo** **11.10 Family Guy** **12.55 American Dad!** **1.20 Some Girls** **1.45 Sweat the Small Stuff** **2.15 Live at the Apollo** **2.45 In Deep** **3.00 How Safe Are My Drugs?** **4.00 Close**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

8.00 Ice Age: Giants **8.00 Sex and Sensibility: The Allure of Art Nouveau** **9.00 Inspector Montalbano** **10.50 The Richest Songs in the World** **12.20 Sounds of the Sixties** **1.20 Top of the Pops: 1979** **1.55 Ice Age: Giants** **2.55 Sex and Sensibility: The Allure of Art Nouveau** **3.55 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 My Fair Wedding **6.50 Rules of Engagement** **7.40 How I Met Your Mother** **11.00 Melissa & Joey** **1.00 FILM: First Daughter** (2004) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas. **3.15 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts** **3.30 Made in Chelsea** **4.35 Melissa & Joey** **5.30 How I Met Your Mother** **6.30 The Big Bang Theory**

Theory SKY: 9.00 FILM: The Mechanic (2011) (15) Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham. **10.50 Rude Tube** **11.55 The Inbetweeners** **1.05 The Cleveland Show** **3.15 Rules of Engagement** **4.00 Happy Endings** **4.45 The 100**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Jamie's Family Christmas **9.35 Kirstie's Crafty Christmas** **10.35 Celebrity Come Dine with Me: Christmas Special** **1.10 Four in a Bed** **3.50 FILM: It's a Wonderful Life** (1946) (U) Fantasy drama, starring James Stewart. **6.30 The Floods That Foiled New Year: Caught on Camera** **7.35 The Year Britain Froze** **8.40 Britain's Most Extreme Weather** **9.45 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** **10.50 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special** **11.35 The Naked Village** **12.55 The World's Most Extreme** **2.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** **3.05 Time Team** **4.00 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Hills of Home (1948) (U) **1.00 Runaway Bride** (1999) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. **3.20 Silent Running** (1972) (U) Sci-fi drama, starring Bruce Dern. **5.10 Big** (1988) (12) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **7.15 Post Grad** (2009) (12) Comedy, starring Alexis Bledel. **9.00 Safe House** (2012) (15) Thriller, with Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds. **11.15 Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (2011) (12) Fantasy thriller sequel, starring Nicolas Cage. **1.05 Working Girl** (1988) (15) **3.25 Close**

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DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Rocket City Rednecks **8.00 Top Gear** **10.00 Storage Hunters** **11.00 American Pickers** **12.00 Lizard Lick Towing** **1.00 Man v Food** **2.00 Storage Hunters** **3.00 Red Dwarf** **7.00 Storage Hunters** **8.00 QI** **XL 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You** **10.00 Mock the Week** **12.00 Red Dwarf** **3.30 Frank Skinner's Opinionated** **4.00 Close**

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6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00 Glee** **8.00 The Fantasy Football Club** **9.00 The F1 Show**

10.00 Soccer AM **12.00 WWE Superstars** **1.00 Middle Earth: There and Back Again** **2.00 Last Man Standing** **3.00 All Aboard: East Coast Trains** **4.00 Penguins of Madagascar Special** **4.30 Get On Up Special** **5.00 Portrait Artist of the Year** **2014** **6.00 The Simpsons** **7.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **8.00 Hawaii Five-0** **9.00 FILM: Alien Resurrection** (1997) (18) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Sigourney Weaver. **11.10 A League of Their Own** **12.10 Hawaii Five-0** **1.10 NCIS: Los Angeles** **2.00 The Smoke** **4.00 Crash Test Dummies**

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6.00 Cleverdicks **7.00 The Guest Wing** **8.00 Seinfeld** **9.00 Smash** **11.00 The Mortified Sessions** **12.00 Networks of Power** with Sir Christopher Meyer **1.00 Urban Secrets** **2.00 The British** **3.00 Blue Bloods** **6.00 Urban Secrets** **7.00 Without a Trace** **9.00 The Newsroom** **10.15 The Knick** **11.15 Falcon** **12.15 David Attenborough's Galapagos** **1.15 Urban Secrets** **2.15 Curb Your Enthusiasm** **2.50 The Sopranos** **4.00 The Devil's Dinner Party** **5.00 Fish Town**

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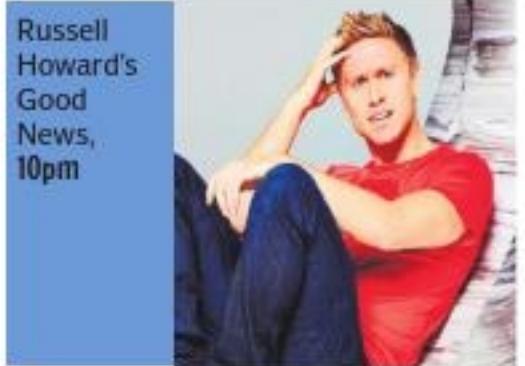
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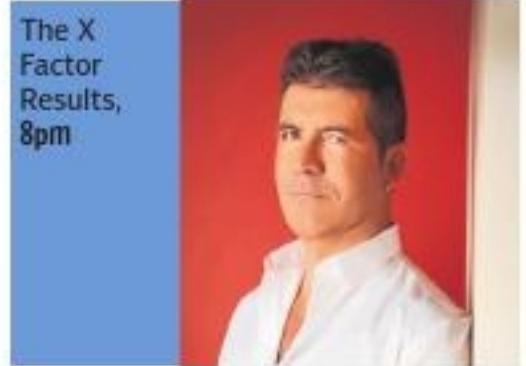
Match of the Day 2, 10.45pm

BBC2



Russell Howard's Good News, 10pm

ITV



The X Factor Results, 8pm

Channel 4



The Simpsons, 1.25pm

Channel 5



Michael Bublé's Christmas Special, 9pm

6.00 Breakfast (T) 7.35 Match of the Day (T)(R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (T) 10.00 Fern Britton Meets Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson (T) 11.00 Sunday Politics (T) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (T) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (T) 1.15 Bargain Hunt (T) 2.15 Homes Under the Hammer Properties in Basildon, Forfar and Derby. (T)(R) 3.15 Escape to the Country (T) 4.15 Lifeline (T) 4.25 Songs of Praise (T) 5.00 Pointless Celebrities With John Craven, Julia Bradbury, Anton Du Beke and Erin Boag. (T)(R) 5.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather (T) 6.20 Countryfile (T)

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results Another couple perform their last dance, and Paloma Faith sings. (T)

8.00 Sports Personality of the Year 2014 Gary Lineker, Gabby Logan and Clare Balding present this year's ceremony live from the Hydro Arena in Glasgow, where the successor to Andy Murray will be crowned. Subsequent programmes subject to change. (T)

10.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather (T)

10.45 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, including Manchester United v Liverpool at Old Trafford. (T)

11.45 The Apprentice The candidates create premium puddings and pitch them to leading supermarkets. (T)(R)

12.45 FILM It's a Wonderful Afterlife (2010) (12) Supernatural comedy, with Shabana Azmi. (T) 2.20 Weather for the Week Ahead (T) 2.25 BBC News (T)

7.00 James May's Toy Stories: Flight Club The Top Gear presenter investigates the enduring appeal of the model aeroplane and sets out to break the British record for the longest flight by a toy glider. (T)(R)

8.00 FILM What Women Want (2000) (12) A womanising executive gets a new insight into life when he gains the ability to hear the thoughts of the opposite sex. Romantic comedy, with Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt. (T)

10.00 Russell Howard's Good News The comedian's perspective on the news. (T)(R)

10.30 FILM Mrs Henderson Presents (2005) (12) A widow invests her fortune in an abandoned London theatre and defies censorship laws to stage a controversial nude revue. Fact-based comedy drama, with Judi Dench and Bob Hoskins. (T)

12.10 FILM A Walk to Remember (2002) (PG) Romantic drama, with Mandy Moore and Shane West. (T) 1.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile (T)(R) 2.45 Holby City (T)(R) 3.45 This Is BBC Two (T)

10.05 FILM The Holiday (2006) (12) Two single women from opposite sides of the Atlantic find love after they swap houses over Christmas. Romantic comedy, with Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet. Continues after the News. (T)

11.05 ITV News; Weather (T)

11.20 FILM The Holiday (2006) (12) Concluded. (T)

12.45 The Store 2.30 Motorsport UK (T) 3.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (T) (R) 4.05 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (T)(R)

7.00 The X Factor Results The final two battle it out once more before Dermot O'Leary announces this year's winner, and more world-famous acts take the stage at Wembley Arena. Last in the series. (T)

9.00 Homeland The security breach at the embassy has a number of far-reaching consequences as the fourth series of the CIA thriller continues. (T)

10.00 FILM Insidious (2010) (15) A family driven from their house by a haunting discover the spirits have followed them to their new home and put their son into a coma. Horror, with Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne. (T)

10.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs A countdown of songs guaranteed to make any Christmas party go with a swing, including classics by the Jackson 5, Jona Lewie, Band Aid, Mud, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl and Slade. (T)(R)

1.00 Abba: In Concert (T)(R) 2.00 SuperCasino 3.10 World Strongman Championship (T)(R) 4.00 House Doctor (T)(R) 4.25 Make It Big (T)(R) 4.50 Make It Big (T)(R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm (T)(R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car (T)(R)

10.00 ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

7.00 Emmerdale 8.35 Coronation Street 11.00 The X Factor 1.10 The Xtra Factor 2.10 Kylie Minogue: The Hot Desi 2.25 FILM: Santa Baby (2006) (PG) 4.15 FILM: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure (2011) (U) 6.00 FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) 8.00 Scorpion 9.00 Educating Joey Essex: Winter Essex-Pedition 10.00 The Xtra Factor 11.00 Through the Christmas Keyhole 12.05 FILM: American Pie Presents: The Naked Mile (2006) (15) 2.10 The Vampire Diaries 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen

10.00 ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 World Kitchen 6.25 A Touch of Frost 8.15 The Darling Buds of May 9.25 Heartbeat 11.35 A Touch of Frost 1.35 Rosemary & Thyme 2.40 Agatha Christie's Marple 4.50 FILM: Columbo: Forgotten Lady (1975) (PG) 6.50 Inspector Morse 9.00 Lewis 11.00 Cracker 1.15 FILM: The Count of Monte Cristo (2002) (PG) 3.20 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale

10.00 BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Great TV Mistakes 7.30 Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide 7.40 Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor 9.00 Top Gear Polar Challenge 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Some Girls 12.00 Sweat the Small Stuff 12.30 How Safe Are My Drugs? 1.30 The Revolution Will Be Televised 2.00 Some Girls 2.30 Our War: Goodbye Afghanistan 4.00 Close

10.00 BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank 8.00 Rome: A History of the Eternal City 9.00 Pompeii: The Mystery of the People Frozen in Time 10.00 Pillars of Creation - The Sky at Night 10.30 Queen: Days of Our Lives 12.30 Great American Rock Anthems: Turn It Up to 11 1.30 Sounds of the Eighties 2.00 Natural World Special: Miracle in the Marshes of Iraq 3.00 The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank 4.00 Close

10.00 E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rules of Engagement 8.30 How I Met Your Mother 10.00 Hollyoaks 12.30 Made in Chelsea 1.30 FILM: Step Up 3 (2010) (12) 3.50 Rude(lish) Tube Shorts 4.00 Melissa & Joey 5.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 10.00 The Inbetweeners 11.10 Bad Robots 11.40 How I Met Your Mother 1.35 Rules of Engagement 2.30 The Cleveland Show 3.15 Hollyoaks

10.00 MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 SuperScrimpers 9.35 The Fabulous Baker Brothers Do Christmas 10.35 River Cottage Christmas 11.35 Christmas at River Cottage 12.35 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces at Christmas 1.40 Jamie's Family Christmas 2.40 Four in a Bed 5.20 Come Dine with Me Christmas 8.00 George Clarke's Amazing Christmas Spaces 9.00 Snowstorm: Britain's Big Freeze 10.05 The Floods That Foiled New Year: Caught on Camera 11.10 King of Christmas Lights 12.15 Snowstorm: Britain's Big Freeze 1.20 Secrets of the Body Snatchers: A Time Team Special 2.25 Time Team Special: The Big Dig 4.00 Close

10.00 FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Dragoon Wells Massacre (1957) (PG) 1.00 The First Wives Club (1996) (PG) 3.05 Anastasia (1997) (U) 5.00 Honey, I Blew Up the Kid (1992) (U) 6.45 Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) (PG) 9.00 Good Will Hunting (1997) (15) Drama, with Matt Damon. 11.25 Good Morning, Vietnam (1987) (15) Comedy drama, starring Robin Williams. 1.50 Sweetgrass (2009) (12) 4.00 Close

10.00 DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Rocket City Rednecks 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Top Gear: Vietnam Special 10.35 Lizard Lick Towing 5.00 The World's Most Stupid Criminals 6.00 Storage Hunters 7.00 World's Most Dangerous Roads 8.00 QI XL 9.00 QI 10.00 FILM: Sin City (2005) (18) Comic-book thriller, starring Mickey Rourke. 12.30 Mock the Week 1.10 8 Out of 10 Cats 1.40 The World's Most Stupid Criminals 2.35 Problems 4.00 Close

10.00 SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10

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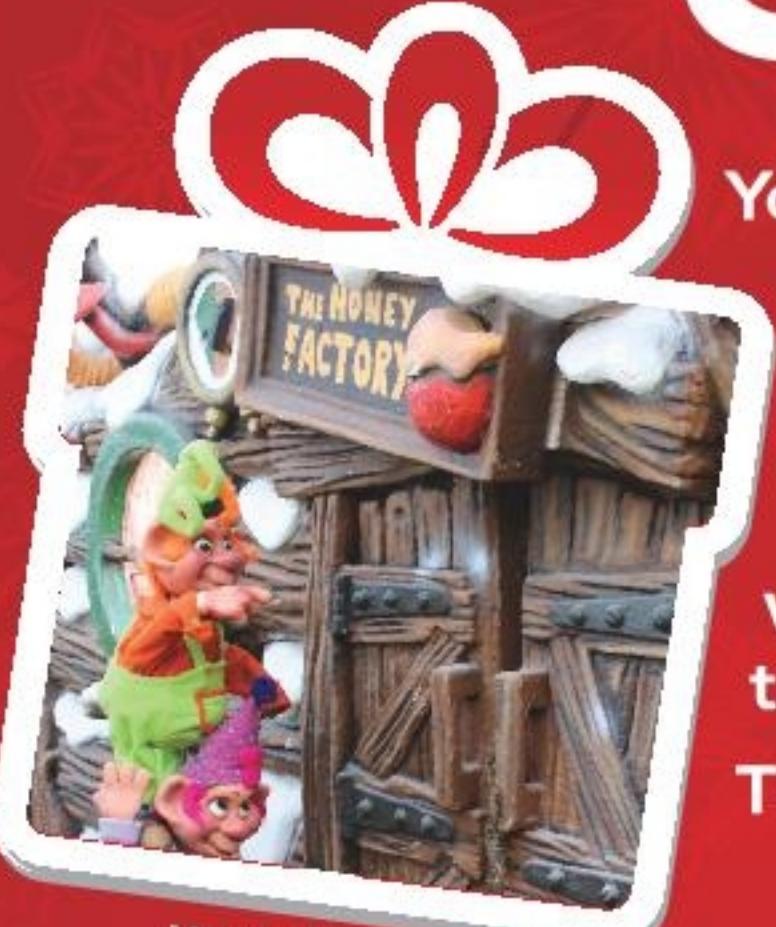
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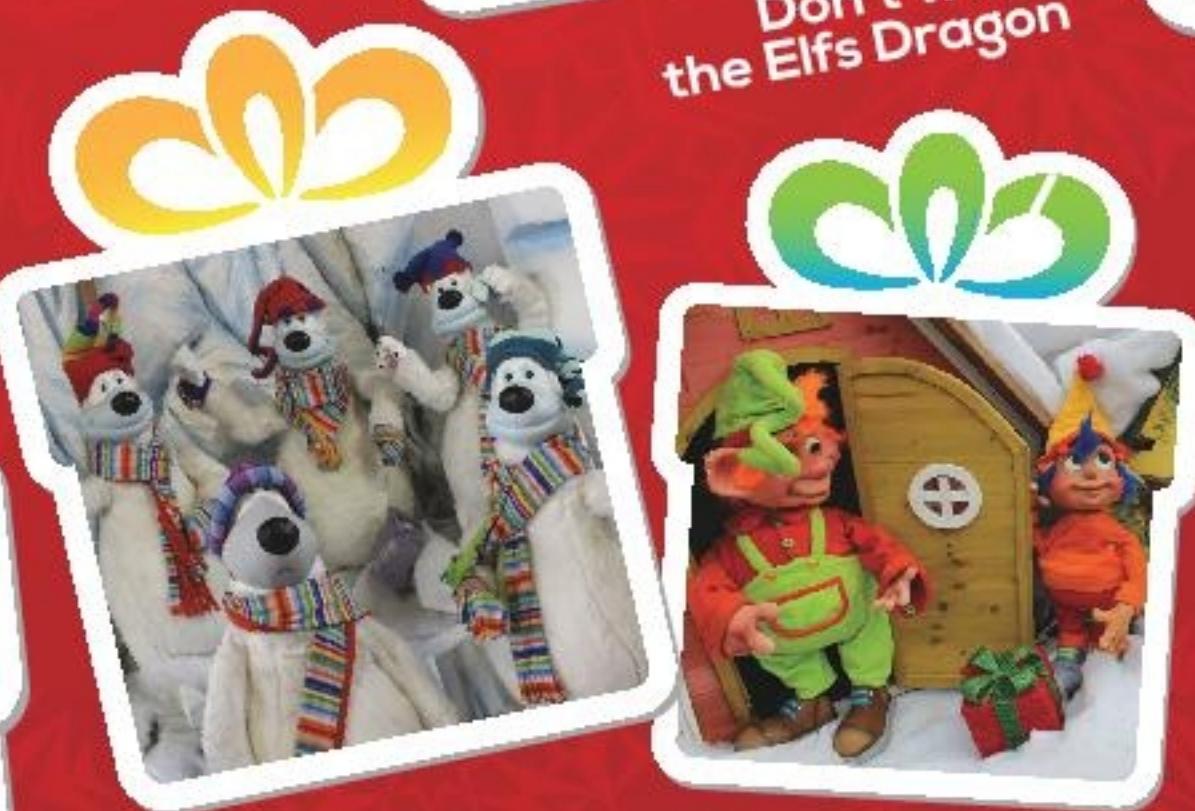
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IF you're not quite there yet in terms of festive cheer, 'The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmasness' could help.

Squashbox Theatre's new show is a celebration of everything Christmassy, from fir trees, fairy lights, sleigh bells and snowflakes to crackers, carols, presents and puddings.

The one-man production comes to The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre next Wednesday, December 17.

Meet a snowman who lives in the fridge, try and spot some naughty elves, play hunt the brussels sprout, and endure the world's worst Christmas jumper.

"This isn't a pantomime - it's much better than that," actor Craig Johnson said.

"I love Christmas.

"I have created several shows in the past as Squashbox Theatre, and I thought this would be a fun and magical topic.

"Christmas is a time to spend with family and friends.

"It's a time to light up the dark winter nights with laughter and decorations, and a time to appreciate this amazing universe we live in."

Set up in 2007, Squashbox theatre company was founded by Craig, the only member of the company.

And as part of the UK tour, he will be

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travelling to York, Windsor, Dorset and Cornwall over the festive period.

Craig told the Observer: "I've been at The Phoenix before with a performance called 'The Sea Show', which was a great success.

"I really like the venue, so I'm excited to be coming back."

He added: "The audience will join me as I prepare for Christmas with my Grandad.

"We will be visited by lots of unusual characters, which include some naughty elves, a snowman, my scientist friend (a 'Christmasologist'), my carol-singing neighbour and an over-excited puppy.

"I play all the characters.

"And as a parent myself, I always make sure I entertain the grown-ups as well as the children."

The well-travelled entertainer, actor, musician and puppeteer now lives in Penzance.

He is a member of Cornwall's Knee-high Theatre, which sees him perform all over the world on tour.

Tickets cost from £4 per child to £18 for a family for the show from 5pm until 6pm in Station Road, Bordon.



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'70s Christmas

AN EVENING of '70s music will launch at The Haymarket when 'Let There Be Christmas' comes to town on Tuesday, December 16.

Led by Rubettes lead vocalist Alan Williams, expect an evening of retro music and dance moves at the Wote Street venue.

Tickets cost £18.50. Visit anvilarts.org.uk for details.

Special show

A RELAXED performance of The Anvil's 'Cinderella' pantomime will take place on Friday, January 2.

This special performance is designed for children on the autistic spectrum and with other disabilities.

Tickets cost £10 with the performance starting at 2pm at the Churchill Way theatre.

Film showing

BRITISH drama film 'Locke' will be shown at The Basingstoke Discovery Centre tomorrow afternoon, December 11.

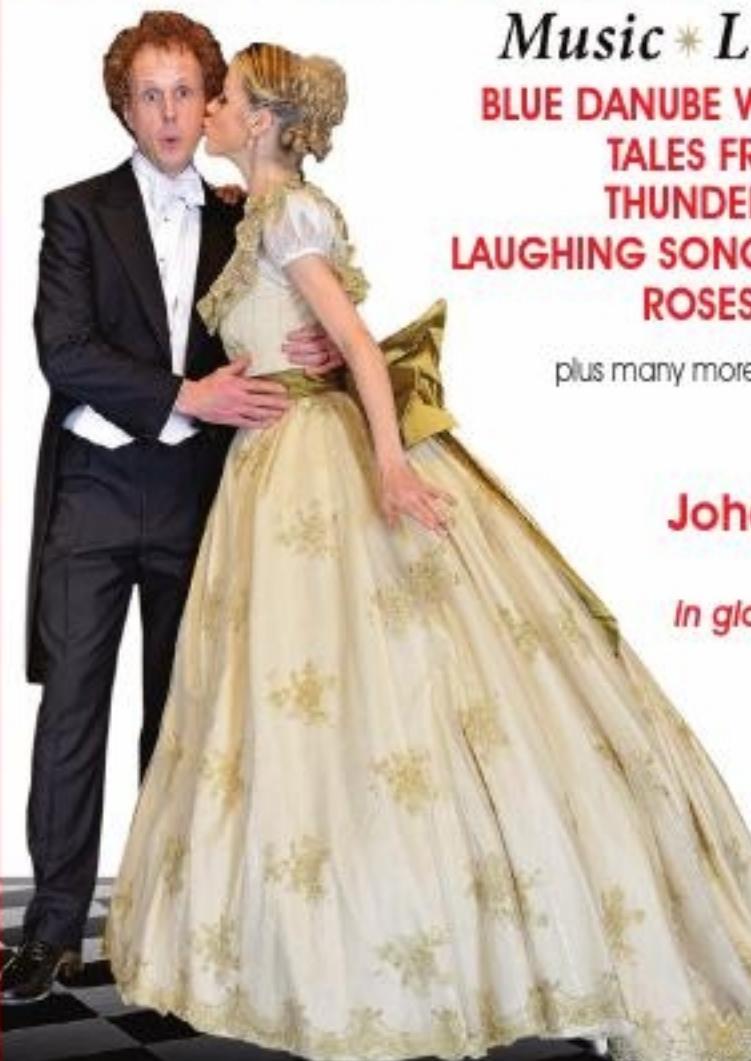
The critically acclaimed film stars Tom Hardy as Ivan Locke, whose decisions will change his life forever.

This is a free event with two screenings taking place at 1pm and 3.30pm at the centre in Festival Place.

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A take on Rapunzel

A UNIQUE interpretation of Rapunzel will twist the fairy tale classic at The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre on Friday, December 12.

Rapunzel takes the role of a talented and gifted aerial gymnast who works in her stepfather's circus during the Proteus Theatre Company production.

However, everything seems to change when the main character falls in love with Leo, a new addition to the circus.

When discovering that her step-daughter has fallen in love with the latest recruit, Rapunzel's stepfather traps her in a gilded cage using his magical powers.

Music, puppets, and gravity defying actors all take the stage of the theatre in Station Road, Bordon.

Rapunzel's stepfather, played by Paul Huntley-Thomas, told the Observer: "The original Grimm tale is only a page and a half long, so we had to adapt it.

"And since it's set in a circus, we have a trapeze work, silks, juggling and general tomfoolery."

He added: "I have performed at The

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Phoenix before and I am delighted to be returning.

"The staff is always so friendly and the audiences are very responsive."

The production is currently on a national two-month tour, which started on November 20 and finishes on January 18 next year.

"This show is definitely for children of all ages," 43-year-old Paul said.

"Also, children should definitely experience live theatre at as early an age as possible.

"That way, the children should hopefully create a love of theatre, that will last and may prompt some children to enter it as a profession."

Tickets cost from £7 to £10.

Call the theatre on 01420 472664 for more information.

• *Jodie Hoffman as Rapunzel (photo by Richard Davenport)*



Reindeer crafts

MAKE your own Christmas decorations this year with 'Reindeer and Stars', a two hour willow workshop at Basingstoke Discovery Centre on Saturday, December 13.

The workshop, for over 10s, costs £10 per person.

Two workshops lasting two hours will take start at 10.30am and 1.30pm at the centre in Festival Place shopping centre.

A Santa show

FATHER Christmas' Christmas List will be at The Proteus Theatre from next Thursday, December 18, until Christmas Eve.

Parents and children can go an adventurous journey around Santa's Grotto, while he is getting ready for Christmas at the Council Road venue.

Tickets cost £6 with children under the age of 12 months go in for free.

Festive skate

A CHARITY festive fun ice skate will take place this weekend.

It will run on Saturday and Sunday between 10am to 4pm at Absolutely Offices in Chineham Court.

It will raise money for three charities: Heartburn Cancer UK, Relate and Naomi House Children's Hospice and cost from £4 to £15.

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Fourth generation estate has got the gadgets and does not disappoint behind the wheel

All eyes on the newest Merc

THIS new fourth generation C-Class estate builds on the strengths of its predecessors, combining attractive looks with increased practicality over the saloon, yet without comprising on driving dynamics.

True, it might not be as visually sleek as the larger CLS Shooting Brake, with a slightly blunt rear roofline, but this helps afford Mercedes' junior wagon with a generously sized boot (400 litres seats up and 1,510 litres seats down).

Every estate model now comes equipped as standard with a powered tailgate, roof rails and split folding rear seats and three model lines make up the new range - SE, Sport and the AMG Line. Among the highlights, the Sport model adds 17-inch alloy wheels, LED headlights, lowered comfort suspension, chrome exterior trim and Garmin Map Pilot Navigation.

Inside, stunning new modern design is blended with well-crafted materials: the dashboard top covered with imitation stitched leather and centre console getting a glossy piano black finish.

An 8.4 inch tablet-style infotainment screen perched on top of the dash slightly spoils the flowing lines, but

REVIEW: Mercedes-Benz C220 Bluetec Sport estate

By Philip Shoulder

does boast a refreshed infotainment/navigation system, now also controlled via a new touchpad. A new Agility Button allows the driver to easily toggle between different setting configurations: ECO, Comfort, Sport, Sport Plus and Individual mode.

Cabin space is good, with space for four people to travel in comfort.

Five engine options make up the range. Tested here is the 168 bhp C220 CDI BlueTEC - the same unit from the old car (all-new engines are due next year) so can be forgiven for not being the smoothest of diesel engines, but thanks to the new C-Class's lighter body, performance is improved - the car pulling strongly from low revs and beyond 4,000rpm. From 0-62mph takes just 7.6 seconds, combined with impressive economy and emission figures 64.2mpg and 115g/km CO2.

It's much more engaging to drive than the old C-Class estate, with superbly weighted steering and sharper turn-in.

Although if you're looking for magic carpet smoothness, you'll still need to plump for the £895 air suspension. Verdict:

It builds on its predecessor's strengths of comfort and practicality, while adding increased desirability, with a sublime cabin and improved driving dynamics.

FACTS at a glance

Price £34,060

0-62mph 7.6secs

Top speed 142mph

Economy 64.2mpg; CO2 115g/km

Kerb weight 1,615kg

Engine 2,143cc, four-cylinder, diesel

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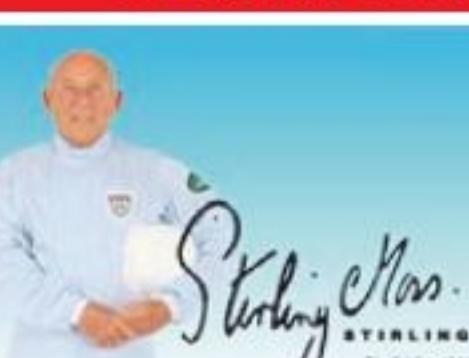
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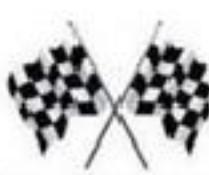
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It has been a disappointing run in the league for the Row, who haven't won since a 3-2 victory against Guildford City on November 15.

They remain seventh in the table with 30 points, but have fallen eight points behind sixth-placed Spelthorne Sports.

Wintney were in action in the second round of the Aldershot Senior Invitation Challenge Cup against Farnham Town last night as the Observer went to press.

Elsewhere, Whitchurch United returned to winning ways as they beat Fawley 5-2 in the Wessex Premier League on Saturday.

Whitchurch stay third in the league with 43 points, although they have played more games than the teams around them.

It came after the Jam Boys moved into the quarter finals of the Hampshire Senior Cup by winning 4-1 against Fleet Town last Wednesday.

But Tadley Calleva were knocked out of the same cup as they lost 2-1 against Sholing.

Calleva had been due to face Hythe and Dibden in the Wessex First Division on Saturday, but the match was postponed.

They currently sit fourth in the league standings with 25 points, five behind current leaders Team Solent but with a game in hand.

And they were playing Fleet Town in the North Hampshire Senior Cup last night as the Observer went to print.

Two of the teams are in league action this Saturday as Wintney face Spelthorne Sports, while Whitchurch travel to Folland Sports.

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BASINGSTOKE Bison's up and down season continued over the weekend as they won one and lost one of their two matches on Saturday and Sunday.

Bison started the weekend hoping to repeat their English Ice Hockey Premier League win against Peterborough Phantoms from last week, but this time found themselves beaten 4-2.

But Sunday's game saw Bison thrash Invicta Dynamos 10-1 in the English Challenge Cup.

Saturday's match started positively for the Herd, as player/coach Doug Sheppard scored on the powerplay to give his side an early lead.

The advantage didn't last long however.

Darius Pliskauskas and Alan Lack both scored in the space of three minutes to give the Phantoms the lead at the end of the first period.

Tom Norton added a third for the Phantoms in the second period, before Tomas Karpov

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was able to pull one back for Bison.

James Ferrara restored Peterborough's two-goal advantage before the end of the second period, and despite Bison pushing hard to close the gap in the final 20 minutes they were unable to stage a comeback.

Sunday's home tie with the Dynamos saw the Bison return to form, although it remained a close affair after the first period.

Grant Rounding scored first for the Herd, but Adam McNicoll was able to level for the visitors soon after.

Bison took advantage in the second period, as Rounding added a second and Karpov a third to establish a two-goal lead going into the final 20 minutes.

And the floodgates opened in the third period as Karpov



• Tomas Karpov got a hat-trick in Sunday's win over Invicta Dynamos (picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))

scored twice to complete his hat-trick, Michael Wales netted three times, and Ciaran Long and Aaron Connolly each grabbing one for a 10-1 final result.

Saturday's loss meant that Bison dropped to fourth in the league standings, and they sit third in the cup table - a point behind current leaders Guildford Flames and Milton Keynes Lightning.

They are back in action this weekend with two away games, travelling to face Lightning on Saturday before making the long trip north to play Sheffield Steel-dogs on Sunday.

Collard's team loses main sponsor

WEST Surrey Racing (WSR), who north-Hampshire drivers Rob Collard and Nick Foster raced for in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) this year, have lost their main sponsor.

eBay Motors have decided to end their five-year partnership with WSR, despite the team winning the manufacturers' championship this year.

WSR team principal Dick Bennetts has said a search for a new title sponsor has already begun.

"We have just completed our most successful season in the BTCC, winning four out of four categories," he said.

"I believe we are in a strong position to offer new partners a unique marketing opportunity."

Collard finished sixth in the drivers' standings in 2014, winning a race along the way, while Foster completed the season in 16th.

Along with team-mate and series champion Colin Turkington, the drivers won nine races and earned 26 podiums this season.

Steve Heywood, spokesman for eBay, said: "eBay has enjoyed a very successful partnership with



• Rob Collard driving his eBay Motors-sponsored car earlier this year (picture courtesy of btcc.net)

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ship win.

"We would also like to thank

Dick and the whole WSR team

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the future."

Sport Bites

Narrow loss

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC were narrowly beaten 23-19 away to Sutton and Epsom on Saturday in a close match between the two sides.

It means that 'Stoke are now second bottom of the London 1 South standings with 15 points from their 12 games so far this season following a 15 point penalty earlier in the year.

They will hope to return to winning ways in their next match, a home tie with Wimbledon, taking place this Saturday.

Point for Ladies

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies drew their second game in a row on Sunday following a 2-2 result away to Newbury Ladies.

The result elevated them to seventh in the Southern Region Women's Football League, and they have a total of 10 points from seven games so far this season.

It comes after Town also drew 2-2 with Andover New Street Ladies in the Hampshire FA Women's Cup the previous week, although they were ultimately beaten on penalties.

They return to action on Sunday as they travel to Maidenhead United in the Chairman's Cup.

Sixth for Rose

GOLF: North Hampshire golfer Justin Rose came tied sixth in the Hero World Challenge in Florida on Sunday.

Rounds of 72, 64, 70 and 71 meant that Rose finished on 11 under par in the 18-player field.

He was 15 shots adrift of runaway winner Jordan Spieth, who himself was 10 shots clear of second-placed Henrik Stenson.

Rose is now fifth in the World Golf Rankings, with just Rory McIlroy, Stenson, Adam Scott and Bubba Watson ahead of him.

Hockey delight

HOCKEY: Basingstoke Hockey Club won their fifth match in succession on Saturday in a tight 5-4 victory over Fareham.

The results puts them fourth in the Hampshire/Surrey Division 1 standings with 20 points, eight behind table toppers Winchester.

They are back in action this Saturday with a home game against Epsom.

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Basingstoke forced to settle for draw after losing their lead twice

SUTTON HIT BACK TO HOLD TOWN

BASINGSTOKE Town's winless run in the Vanarama Conference South was extended to four games last Saturday after they were pegged back twice by Sutton United at the Soccer AM Stadium.

Manny Williams twice put Town in front but Ricky Wellard and Bedsent Gomis hit back for Sutton to force a 2-2 draw.

Town are seventh in the table and have only claimed one point in their last four league games.

However, Jason Bristow's men are unbeaten in their last two games in all competitions and look to advance to the second round of the FA Trophy when they take on Gosport Borough on Saturday.

Gosport are fourth in the table, a point above Town, and were beaten for the first time in six matches last weekend with a 1-0 defeat at Whitehawk.

Last Saturday, Basingstoke took the lead on 13 minutes when Williams hooked home from a Louie Soares corner.

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Sutton reacted well to going behind and pressure took its toll on 40 minutes with Wellard firing past Stuart Moore to make it 1-1.

But Williams restored Town's lead just before the break, volleying home from close range.

However, the visitors deservedly equalised on 51 minutes with Gomis firing low past the outstretched hand of Moore.

Sutton dominated proceedings after the equaliser and were indebted to Moore who made two fine saves to deny Jamie White and Billie Medlock.

Bristow will welcome back Tom Bird and Jamie Brown this weekend after they missed Saturday's draw through suspension.

Andrew Jenkinson and Simon Dunn are in contention for Saturday, while Sam Argent is likely to be amongst the substitutes.

Basingstoke Town 2
Sutton United 2



• Basingstoke Town players do all they can to prevent Charlie Clough from scoring for Sutton United (picture by Les Chase)

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